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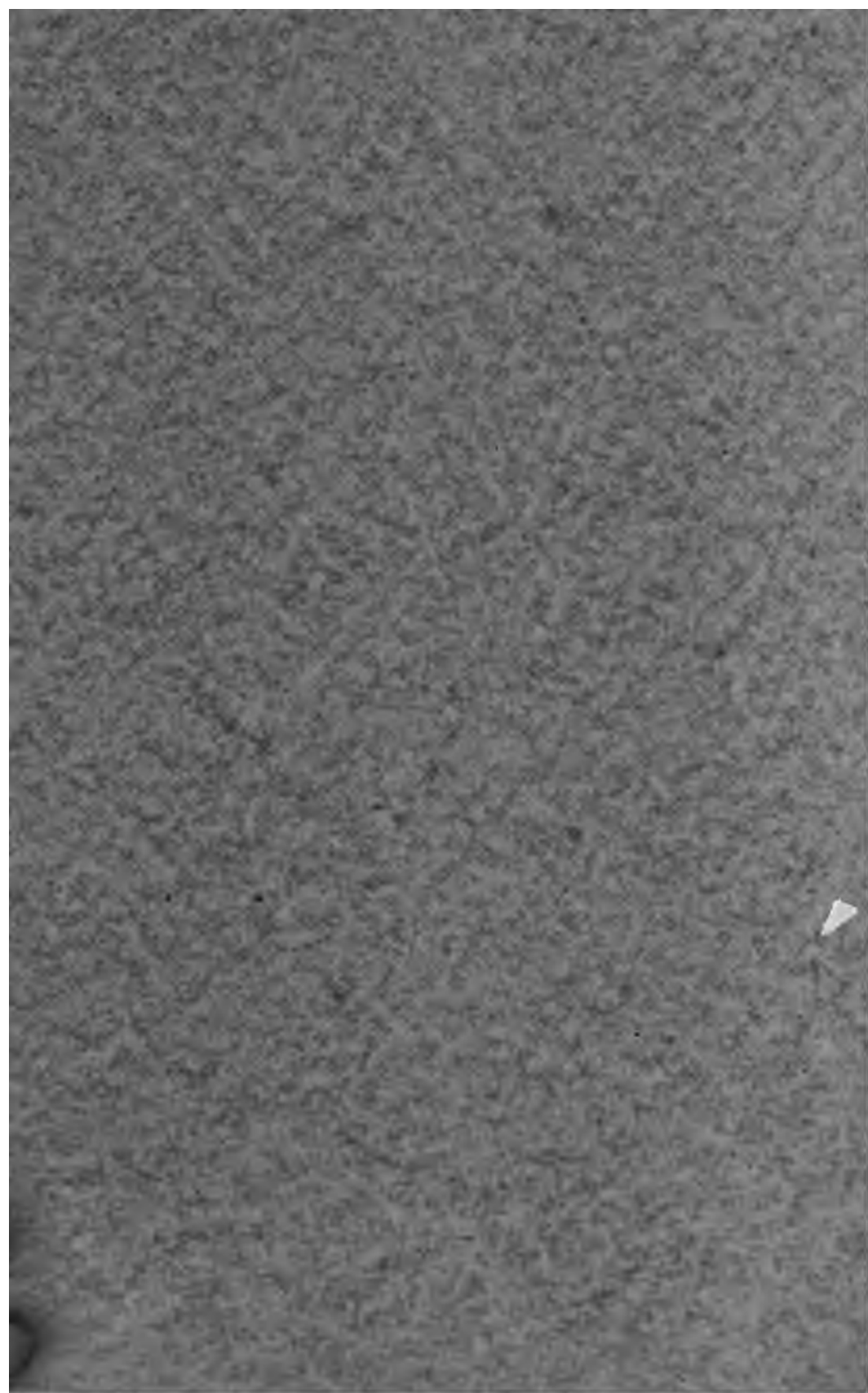
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Annual Convention**

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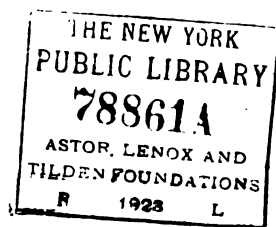
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THE PROCEEDINGS.

LADIES' ORDINARY OF LINDELL HOTEL,

1 P. M. August 26, 1885.

THE Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of BETA THETA PI assembled in the Ladies' Ordinary (an elegant hall provided for the purpose) of the Lindell Hotel, and was called to order by General Secretary J. Cal Hanna.

Prayer was offered by G. L. Washburn, of the Westminster Chapter. W. W. Dedrick, of the University of Michigan Chapter, was chosen to act as Temporary Chairman, and C. A. Hall, of Sigma, as Secretary pro tem.

After a few remarks by Temporary Chairman-elect W. W. Dedrick, a song was suggested and "Gemma Nostra" was sung with hearty feeling.

Ex-Gov. B. Gratz Brown, of St. Louis, of the Center College Chapter, introduced to the Convention Bro. D. R. Francis, the Mayor of St. Louis, who welcomed his brother Betas to the city of St. Louis in a happy style. The Convention unanimously called upon Bro. Ransom, "the Major," to respond, and as a good Beta, always ready for duty, he complied.

On motion, the Chairman pro tem. was instructed to appoint a Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization, and the following were appointed as such a committee:

W. O. Robb, of Cincinnati Alumni, Chairman; W. F. Angell, of Providence Alumni; G. F. Saal, of the Cornell Chapter; Lee Sale, of the Johns Hopkins Chapter; C. D. Roy, of the Richmond Chapter; Lee Dunlap, of the Center College Chapter; George L. Price, of the University of Michigan Chapter; J. R. Montgomery, of the Beloit Chapter; and C. M. Porter, of the University of Iowa Chapter.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to furnish to the press of the city such portions of the proceedings as he thought were suitable for Barbarian taste.

The Convention took a recess from 1:50 P. M. until 3 P. M.

3:20 P. M., WEDNESDAY, Aug. 26, 1885.

Convention was called to order by Chairman pro tem. W. W. Dedrick. The Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization submitted a partial report. [Exhibit A.]

On motion, the report was adopted and the committee continued. B. Gratz Brown, of St. Louis, of the Center College Chapter, initiated at Transylvania College, was declared elected as Chairman; W. Teis Smith, of the University of Michigan Chapter, as Secretary, and W. G. Hyde, of the Ohio University Chapter, as Marshal.

Brother B. Gratz Brown being absent, First Vice President Ransom took the chair. Mayor Francis informed the Convention as to the programme for its entertainment.

Third Vice President T. Dabney Marshall was called on to preside, Major Ransom retiring to make out a list of standing committees.

Bro. W. O. Robb read the report of the Board of Directors for the year 1884-5, and the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Corporation, excepting the portion relating to the appeal of H. S. Stetler, of the University of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs.

While awaiting the return of Bro. Ransom, a few songs were sung. Upon his reappearance, Bro. Ransom took the chair and appointed the standing committees. [Exhibit B.]

At 4:30 P. M. the Convention adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Thursday.

On Wednesday evening on invitation from the committee of St. Louis Betas, the Convention went in a body to Uhrig's Cave, where the opera, "Merry War," was listened to amidst quite a good deal of hilarity. After the performance, the streets rang for a time with some good old Beta songs.

10:10 A. M., THURSDAY, Aug. 27, 1885.

The Convention was called to order by First Vice President Ransom. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Ex-Governor Brown coming in was asked to take the chair, which he did. Upon taking the chair he made an address, soul-stirring to all those present.

Bro. W. B. Douglass, of the Westminster Chapter, read a dispatch from the brethren now at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, and a letter from Bro. Richard Owen, of Indiana.

Bro. Ransom, as Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, asked for and obtained leave to defer the report of that committee until such a time as it could be prepared.

On motions, all brothers attending the Convention, and who were from chapters not otherwise represented therein, were allowed to represent such chapters.

General Secretary J. Cal Hanna made his report for the official year 1884-5. [Exhibit C.]

On motion, the report of the General Secretary was approved and was referred to the Committee on Chapters and Charters.

Bro. Ransom, as Alumni Secretary, made a verbal report.

On motion, the dispatch from Wooglin-on-Chautauqua was referred to the Committee on Chapters and Charters.

On motion, the Committee on Chapters and Charters was allowed to retire.

On motion, the following brothers were appointed as a special Committee on Song Book: Chambers Baird, Jr., William Iglehart, with Frank M. Joyce as Chairman.

On motion, the Chair was instructed to appoint a special committee to investigate different plans of securing a larger delegation at the Conventions.

Bros. Chambers Baird, Jr., Frank M. Joyce, and Charles L. Andrews were appointed as such a committee.

Bro. F. M. Joyce gave the Convention a talk on the Magazine.

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to apportion the number of Magazines to be taken by each chapter.

With regard to the revision of the catalogue, Frank M. Joyce stated that supplementary sheets would be published in the Magazine bringing lists down to date, if found expedient.

A resolution was introduced by Maj. Ransom with regard to the revision of the catalogue, which was adopted. [Exhibit D.]
Convention took a recess until 2 P. M.

2 P. M., THURSDAY, Aug. 27, 1885.

Convention was called to order with President Brown in the chair.

The Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization made a further report. [Exhibit E.]

On motion, the report was adopted and the Committee continued.

A dispatch from Brother C. H. Hardin, ex-Governor of Missouri, of the Miami Chapter, and Orator of the Convention, announcing his inability to attend the Convention, was read.

On motion of Bro. W. E. Jones, leave was granted to withdraw the application for a charter for a new chapter at the Michigan State Agricultural College.

The report of the General Treasurer, John I. Covington, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Corporation.

Bro. Joyce made a verbal report from the Committee on Song Book.

On motion, the account of W. H. January, song book agent, for balance due for books, was referred to the board of directors, with authority to adjust the same at their discretion and as the best interests of the fraternity may seem to require.

Bro. Chambers Baird, Jr., moved that the charter of ——— Chapter, at ———, be withdrawn.

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Bro. Robb, Chairman of the Committee on Chapters and Charters, made a partial report, which was accepted, and the committee continued. [Exhibit F, part I.]

A discussion arose upon the question of the adoption of the above report, but as it bade fair to be of long duration and the time had come for adjournment, the Convention adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Friday.

Directly after the adjournment of the Convention, Thursday afternoon, a line of splendidly equipped carriages drove to the

main entrance of the Lindell, and all having been provided for, the merry procession started on an extensive drive, planned by the St. Louis brothers, through the parks and best portions of the city. The evening was to have been devoted to literary exercises at Memorial Hall, but as ex-Gov. Hardin, the orator of the occasion, was unable to be present, at the invitation of the Committee of St. Louis Betas, the Convention assembled in the pleasant rooms of the University Club, where a jolly, good, informal time was had by all. Songs, anecdotes, refreshments, etc., kept all the mouths busy.

10 A. M., FRIDAY, Aug. 28, 1885.

The Convention was called to order, Major Ransom in the chair.

Prayer was offered by W. R. Dobyns, of the Westminster Chapter.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance and Corporation made a partial report. [Exhibit G, part I.]

On motion, the report was adopted and the Committee continued.

The following Committee was appointed by the Chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Frank M. Joyce, of the De Pauw Chapter, Chambers Baird, Jr., of the Denver Alumni, and George R. Lockwood, of the University of Virginia Chapter.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. Ransom and adopted by the Convention.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be instructed to take into consideration the subject of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Fraternity occurring in 1889, and report a programme of exercises suitable to the occasion for the action of the Forty-Seventh Annual Convention.

Brother Ransom asked for and received leave to re-refer the petition for a charter for a new chapter at the Michigan State Agricultural College to the Committee on Chapters and Charters.

A discussion followed on that part of the report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters which related to the petition for a charter for a new chapter at the Ohio State University.

On motion of Brother Moorehead, the previous question was ordered.

The Chair (Major Ransom) ruled that when the delegation of any chapter consisted of but two members, and these two members were divided on any question requiring a vote by chapters, the vote of such a chapter must be considered as cast against the motion before the Convention.

A vote was taken on the motion to grant the petition for a charter for a new chapter at the Ohio State University, and the motion was lost (one delegation being divided as above.)

On motion, the previous motion (to grant a chapter at the Ohio State University) was ordered reconsidered.

On motion, the remainder of the partial report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters was put under consideration.

A discussion followed on the merits of the petition from the University of Texas.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

The unanimous vote of the Convention decided that the petition for a charter for a new chapter at the University of Texas should be granted.

On motion, a recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

2:40 P. M., FRIDAY, Aug. 28, 1885.

Convention was called to order, with Brother Ransom in the chair.

The Committee on Orator and Poet reported. [Exhibit J.]

On motion, the report was adopted.

The special Committee on Transportation of Delegates to the Annual Conventions made a report. [Exhibit K.]

On motion, the report, as submitted, was adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Officers and Directors made a report. [Exhibit L.]

On motion, the report, as submitted, was adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Corporation made a final report. [Exhibit G, part II.]

The report, as submitted, was adopted.

On motion, the sum of \$75.00 was appropriated as salary for the General Secretary for the year 1885-6.

On motion, the petition for a charter for a new chapter at the Ohio State University was re-referred to the Committee on Chapters and Charters, with instructions that that committee should advise that the petition be sent by the General Secretary to the several chapters for vote.

The Committee on Chapters and Charters made a final report. [Exhibit F, parts IV

On motion, the report was adopted.

A resolution was introduced by Brother W. E. [unclear] adopted by the Convention :

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed by this Convention to submit the respective petitions for chapters to the various chapters singly and in the following order: 1st, Ohio State; 2d, Michigan State Agricultural College; 3d, University of Denver; 4th, University of Missouri.

Brothers R. W. Smith and T. E. Crutcher were appointed by the Chair to draft resolutions with regard to our hospitable treatment by our St. Louis Betas and others.

The following resolutions were read and adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of Beta Theta Pi, held in St. Louis, August 26th, 27th and 28th, 1885, are due and are hereby most cordially extended to the resident alumni for the very complete arrangements made by them for the accommodation and comfort of the Convention, and for the many courtesies and generous hospitality extended to the delegates and visiting members.

Resolved, That the Convention hereby tender its acknowledgements to the C., B. & Q.; W., St. L. & P.; M. P.; C. & A., and M., K. & T. railroads for the courtesies extended to the delegates attending the Convention in the reduction of rates over their roads.

Brother Ransom introduced the following resolution, which the Convention adopted :

Resolved, By the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of Beta Theta Pi, that we have heard with satisfaction of the prosperous condition of the club organized by members of the fraternity at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua; that we congratulate the founders for the promise it gives of permanent prosperity, and express the hope that Betas will everywhere use every possible exertion to insure its success.

On motion, it was ordered that the St. Louis Betas make out a bill for the incidental expenses in connection with the Convention for printing, postage, etc., and present it to the Board of Directors, who shall audit and pay the same.

The Committee on Time and Place of next Convention made a report. [Exhibit M.]

On motion, the report, as submitted, was adopted.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs made a report, which was amended by the Convention. [Exhibit N.]

On motion, the report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned sine die.

At nine o'clock Friday evening the Convention and visiting members marched to the banquet hall. After justice had been done to a well-served banquet, and even the best Beta present had to acknowledge that "he could eat no more," eloquence and song reigned supreme.

Many were the toasts responded to, and even the "Baby" had to tell us what he knew about "Beta Girls."

After a jolly time the proceedings were closed by forming the mystic circle with attendant ceremonies.

The report of the Committee on Necrology [Exhibit O] was sent in by the Chairman, W. C. Ransom, some time after the Convention.

B. GRATZ BROWN, (*Pi Epsilon*),
President.

W. TEIS SMITH, (*Alpha Epsilon and Lambda*),
Secretary.

THE EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT A.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

PRESIDENT—GOVERNOR B. GRATZ BROWN, of St. Louis, Mo.
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—MAJOR W. C. RANSOM, Lansing, Mich.
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—J. C. HANNA, Columbus, Ohio.
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT—T. D. MARSHALL, Edwards, Miss.
SECRETARY—W. T. SMITH, Ann Arbor, Mich.
FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY—C. A. HALL, Hoboken, N. J.
SECOND ASSISTANT SECRETARY—B. H. CHARLES, Fulton, Mo.
MARSHAL—W. G. HYDE, Athens, Ohio.
ASSISTANT MARSHAL—M. G. PARK, Delaware, Ohio.

Very respectfully,

WILLIS O. ROBB,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT B.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1.—CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE.

Chambers Baird, Jr., Chairman,	George F. Saal,	Lee Sale,
C. D. Roy,	Dabney Marshall,	J. C. Hanna,
W. W. Dedrick,	J. L. Sanburn,	W. R. Dobyns.

2.—FINANCE AND CORPORATION.

M. G. Park, Chairman,	B. H. Charles, Jr.,	Lee Dunlap.
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3.—CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS.

	W. O. Robb, Chairman,	
J. R. Moorehead,	W. T. Smith,	Chas. A. Hall,
C. D. Roy,	J. R. Montgomery,	T. D. Marshall.

4.—NECROLOGY.

W. C. Ransom, Chairman, W. G. Hyde, J. G. Campbell.

5.—NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Charles A. Hall, Chairman, W. F. Angell, Lee Sale,
P. Y. Tupper, Lee Dunlap, M. G. Park,
George L. Price, W. B. Hanna, J. W. Charles.

6.—ORATOR AND POET.

W. O. Robb, Chairman, Chambers Baird, Jr., Geo. F. Saal,
Lee Sale, C. D. Roy, D. Marshall,
Charles L. Andrews, C. M. Porter, W. R. Dobyns.

7.—MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS.

Same as for Next Place of Meeting.

EXHIBIT C.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION — I have the honor of presenting my report for the official year of 1884–85.

An apology is a bore, but an explanation is a thing sometimes demanded.

The business of the General Secretary's department has been in such excellent hands heretofore that a new Secretary like myself might well hesitate to succeed such efficient officers. Yet this embarrassment was largely removed by the knowledge that the work of the office had been systematized and arranged so as greatly to simplify my duties.

However, I have labored under peculiar disadvantages this year. Appointed by a Convention which I was unable to attend — not receiving the papers for some time afterwards — crowded with the duties and cares of my profession and my home, not the least taxing of which has been the tyrannical care of ill-health in the household — hampered greatly by my comparative inexperience in general fraternity work, and by living a hundred and twenty miles distant from Cincinnati, the center of fraternity wis-

dom, it has been only by the aid of my love for the old fraternity, so greatly assisted and relieved by the kindness of older and more experienced Betas than myself, by the support, direction, and co-operation of the Board of Directors and its Secretary, the Magazine editors, and other general officers, the retiring General Secretary, the Alumni and College Secretaries, the District Chiefs, and the various Corresponding Secretaries, as well as of many other friendly Betas in many places, that I have been able to go through the year with any measure of satisfaction to myself.

THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS.

According to the instructions of the last Convention, I have prepared for publication the Constitution and Laws of the fraternity. They are now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for distribution in a short time. Each chapter and each general officer will be furnished with a copy as soon as they are bound.

I have thought best to embody in the text all amendments made since the adoption of the Constitution in 1879, and since that of the Laws in 1881, and the original form in each case has been set forth in foot notes. Blank pages have been left after the Constitution, and similarly after the Laws, for the insertion of future amendments, and I would suggest that the General Secretary be directed hereafter to furnish to each chapter and officer, and to others upon application, printed copies of all future amendments, in form convenient for attaching to these blank leaves, after the manner of a scrap-book. In past years there has been much annoyance and confusion on account of wide-spread ignorance of the fraternity's organic and other laws, and this has been increased by the fact that there was no convenient way of referring to amendments made by the various Conventions. I believe the plan suggested would tend to remove that difficulty.

The Laws, as published, embody the code of Laws for the trial of members in cases where the penalty of suspension or expulsion is involved, and the code of standard by-laws for the government of alumni chapters is printed and bound in the same book.

COLLEGE CHAPTERS.

The roll of chapters remains exactly as it was a year ago, no charters having been granted by the Convention of 1884, no

chapters having been provisionally established, and no charters withdrawn.

The case of the University of Mississippi Chapter which, under the pressure of a misunderstanding and an unfortunate combination of circumstances, took action surrendering its charter, was promptly and wisely dealt with by the Board of Directors, through its special commissioner, W. O. Robb, to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned, as well as to the honor and gratification of the fraternity in general — a strong and loyal chapter being thus preserved to us.

The number of petitions which have reached my hands is small. While numerous schemes for establishing chapters of Beta Theta Pi in various institutions have been conceived, in the minds of interested parties, and the General Secretary has been constantly called upon to explain the methods of getting up petitions, only five of these have actually reached the form of petitions.

Each one of these has received the proper endorsement, and I now present them to the Convention for final action. They are from the Ohio State University, the University of Texas, the Michigan Agricultural and Mechanical College, the University of Denver, and the University of Missouri.

A petition from the Ohio State University was rejected by the last Convention, but the same petitioners, together with others, believing that their petition was rejected because of a misconception of the Ohio State University on the part of many of last year's delegates, have formed themselves into a local organization, called the "Phi Alpha," and present this new petition, with remarkably full and satisfactory information concerning the University and the petitioners, and again ask for a charter.

Although the Ohio State University, as a field for Beta Theta Pi, has been before the fraternity in an informal manner for nearly four years, justice compels me to say that the Convention will now, for the first time, have an opportunity of judging fully, thoroughly, and impartially of the merits of this petition — a petition which, contrary to the statement made in Convention two years ago, has had the unqualified, enthusiastic support of the three nearest chapters ever since the project was first formed.

The petition from the Michigan State Agricultural College at Lansing, Michigan, has been under the special care of the Alumni Secretary, Brother Ransom. The nineteen signers of the petition constitute the "*Eclectic Society*," a local organization, and desire to become a chapter of the Beta Theta Pi, and they furnish very complete information concerning the institution and the petitioners.

The petition from the Denver University is signed by eight students of that institution, five of whom are already Betas, having been initiated by the Northwestern Chapter, under a special dispensation granted by the Board of Directors in December, 1884. This dispensation is referred to elsewhere in my report.

The petition was not announced to the chapter in my circular and hence can not legally be voted on by the Convention, but I present it for your consideration, nevertheless.

I have a petition from the University of Missouri, at Columbia, signed by the active members of the Alpha Chapter of the Zeta Phi fraternity. They ask for a charter from Beta Theta Pi, and ask that these conditions be observed: 1st—That their chapter name shall be Zeta Phi; 2d—That their alumni members—who number about one hundred and forty—upon acknowledging the Constitution of Beta Theta Pi, shall become members of the fraternity. This is the only remaining chapter of this fraternity, except one in a moribund condition at William Jewell College. As in the case of the Denver petition, this, although received by me too late for announcement to the chapters, had received the formal endorsement of the nearest chapters, and hence I present it for your consideration.

The petition from the University of Texas is the first, I believe, that has actually been presented to a Convention from the South for several years, except the Vanderbilt petition, and it has received the hearty endorsement of the three nearest chapters. viz: The Universities of Mississippi, and Kansas, and Westminster. It is signed by several students of that new, promising, and richly endowed University, two at least of whom are already Betas.

While Texas is a Southern State, it is also of the West, and this chapter, if established, would belong to the ninth district.

I now present to you these petitions, with statements of facts, catalogues, and other necessary papers.

There are no dead or apparently dead chapters this year. The three chapters whose condition was referred to the Board of Directors for investigation last year have revived to a degree most gratifying. There is not a single inactive chapter, while I do not know of more than one or two that can be considered weak, and they not more than usual.

I present herewith a tabular view of statistics [see inset] modeled after those heretofore given in the General Secretary's report.

It shows the membership of each chapter, the distribution among the classes, and by courses; the number of initiations, and membership of rival chapters, also the number of colleges in which we meet the various fraternities. There are thirty-one rival fraternities mentioned in the table, including all the chartered fraternities and several local organizations.

The table shows that we have six hundred and eighty-seven (687) active members, an average of fifteen (15); and that during the year the initiations, not counting transfers, have been two hundred and forty-eight (248), an average of 5.2.

These figures are larger than for last year, although no new chapters have been established. This is chiefly due to the fact that several chapters, notably Rutgers, Cumberland, Ohio University, and Iowa Wesleyan, which had a very small membership last year, have had a marked renewal of life, indicated, to some degree, by their increased membership.

The special dispensations granted to Hampden-Sidney and Northwestern have made their memberships larger than last year.

The smallest chapter has eight (8) men and the largest twenty-seven (27).

The preparatory students are fewer than last year, but they still number twenty-four.

In one case, at least, a student is ranked as a preparatory student, who, after having completed a scientific course, several years since, has returned to college as a "Prep." to take the classical course.

There really seems to be a gradual improvement in the matter of initiating preparatory students.

With this are presented the College Secretary's files of annual reports, semi-annual chapter letters, and other documents.

In accordance with the policy approved by the Convention of 1883, two "special dispensations" have been granted this year by the Board of Directors. On December 29, 1884, the Northwestern University Chapter applied for a special dispensation to initiate certain young men named in their petition, who were students of Denver University, and signers of a petition for a charter, which was rejected by the Chautauqua Convention. This was granted by the Board, as I understand, not with the purpose of keeping up an organization which should at some later date receive a charter, but in accordance with the desire of the last Convention, and as an "endorsement" of the men themselves. These petitioners were afterwards initiated by the Rho, and are men every way worthy of the exceptional honor conferred on them.

On January 30, 1885, at the request of the Hampden-Sidney Chapter, the Board granted a special dispensation for one year to that chapter, to initiate students of the Union Theological Seminary of that place. This is in every respect, except formally, a department of the College, and the fact that several chapters have their membership, partially at least, in the professional schools of their respective universities, together with the excellent standing and record of the Zeta, seemed to justify this action.

There have been three or four cases of expulsion this year, and two or three chapters have been cursed with a lack of internal harmony, than which nothing else is more fatal to a chapter's life and growth. In every case that has come to my knowledge this has been brought about by a lack of care in the selection of men, and a hasty initiation of persons who were afterwards discovered to be unfit for chapter material. This, it seems to me, is the most important interest in the whole fraternity life, and it is here that the greatest care should be exercised.

The last Convention, in accordance with Brother Wambaugh's suggestion, authorized the General Secretary to appoint two assistants, to be confirmed by the Board, who should take charge of special branches of the work of the department under the supervision of the General Secretary, and whose duties were outlined in the General Secretary's report for 1884, and to be

known respectively as the "College Secretary," and the "Alumni Secretary."

I appointed as "College Secretary" Frank B. Pearson, of the Wooster Chapter, and the event has proved it a happy choice.

The duty of keeping the roll of new members was assigned to this officer, together with that of having general charge of all chapter reports and semi-annual circulars. Brother Pearson found the roll of some twelve or fifteen chapters far behind, but by constant perseverance in urging the Corresponding Secretaries to hunt up back initiations and to keep up their reports promptly, he has succeeded in bringing the roll of every chapter up to date. It was a great task, and he has succeeded far beyond my hopes of what could be done in the time. The College Secretary asks me to acknowledge in this formal way the very efficient assistance rendered him by J. B. Ellis, the zealous Corresponding Secretary of the Vanderbilt Chapter, in rearranging the rolls of the Vanderbilt and Cumberland Chapters, which, owing to the former inactive condition of Mu, and the long special dispensation, had become much confused.

The duties and failures of Corresponding Secretaries — that is an old text, but it touches upon the "thirty-nine articles" and the "seven deadly sins" of fraternity life. In many chapters there is not yet a proper appreciation of the importance of this office, or of its duties. Not to weary you with further preaching, I would suggest that the General Secretary be authorized to prepare and publish for the use of Corresponding Secretaries, a manual or outline of directions and furnish the same to the chapters.

Let me speak of a few of the most obvious of these duties which are too often neglected. There are several chapters which have made changes in their Corresponding Secretaries during the year, but which have never reported such change either to the General Secretary or to the Magazine editors, and the discovery has been made only after long and tedious correspondence.

Two chapters have failed to send me the annual report, and hence my tabular view of statistics is incomplete — they are Cumberland and Wabash — while several others sent them only so late as this month, and only after an urgent appeal from the General Secretary.

The following have failed to send me the May semi-annual: Harvard, Brown, Stevens, Washington and Jefferson, Randolph-Macon, University of Virginia, Cumberland, Wittenberg, DePauw, Indiana University, and Wabash, while the Cumberland Chapter, though said to be "booming," has sent me no report of any kind during the year; and all this in spite of the fact that my postage account amounts to several dollars.

Several reports which have been sent contain omissions, and other inexcusable blunders, although full and careful information is printed on the back.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS.

An inspiration from Wooglin himself, through his seer and soothsayer, Willis O. Robb, induced the appointment of Major Ransom as "Alumni Secretary." I need not enumerate to the Convention the various elements of his fitness for that office. The field is largely a new one, and only a man of his exceptional fraternity experience, enthusiasm, and practical wisdom, could be expected to clear the way for realizing the ideal of a fraternity which seeks to be something — and a very definite and noble something — besides a mere college boys' organization.

Brother Ransom will, no doubt, make his own report, and outline the policy of his department, and the fraternity will certainly be fortunate to keep him in this office, if possible, until the alumni department of Beta Theta Pi shall be in a fair way of reaching the high ideal which has been set for it.

While the general matter of the alumni is left to the Alumni Secretary, I will report that charters have been granted this year, and alumni chapters started under the new code at Washington, D. C., in November, and at Philadelphia in May, and also at Denver, Colorado.

SOUTHERN EXTENSION.

The Convention of 1884 adopted a set of resolutions lying on the table from the Convention of 1883, and presented by James E. Heath, whereby the General Secretary was "instructed to inquire into the expediency of the establishment of chapters of this fraternity in the Southern States," and moreover authorizing if in his opinion necessary to a correct judgment, to make a personal visit to any of the Southern Colleges at the expense of the fraternity, and to report to this Convention.

A moment's thought will convince you that this instruction, if fully carried out, involves a large amount of correspondence, at least, to say nothing of travel and personal examination.

I am not at all able to make a satisfactory report to this Convention on Southern extension. I have written and received many letters on the subject, but have made no personal visits. I have a petition, already spoken of, from a Southern college, of which I am not ashamed. Brother Heath has very kindly given me assistance and information in this matter, which show his knowledge of the subject and his interest in it.

My attention has been called to several Southern colleges during the year, viz.: Washington-Lee University, the seat of a former Beta Theta Pi Chapter, the Rho prime; the University of North Carolina; Davidson College, North Carolina; the University of Georgia, the Southwestern Presbyterian University in Tennessee, and Tulane University in New Orleans, but nothing substantial in the way of a petition has been presented from any one of these.

The opinion of Betas in Virginia with whom I have corresponded does not seem to favor an attempt to re-establish the chapter at Washington-Lee University at this time, the belief being that the ground already is fully occupied by rival fraternities, and that such an attempt is impracticable unless several good Betas should enter the University.

The President of Davidson College is a Beta, Dr. Hepburn, formerly of Miami, and, from the letters I have received, I expected to see a petition from there this year, although I did not expect the endorsement of the neighboring chapters.

The Southwestern Presbyterian University petition was killed, and no doubt wisely, by the neighboring chapters.

The University of Georgia, though earnestly recommended as a suitable field for extension by numerous Southern Betas, seems not to have received the cordial support of the nearest chapter—Vanderbilt. My investigation of it has not been as thorough as I could wish.

The Tulane University of New Orleans was strongly recommended by Brother Heath. It is a new institution, with a very large endowment, with the well known Colonel William Preston Johnston as President, and is reported to have every

prospect of wealth, high standing, and success. Still I am not yet able to give full and accurate information.

If it is the intention of the fraternity that the spirit of these resolutions should be thoroughly carried out, then it seems to me the General Secretary or some Beta interested in the subject should be authorized to continue the investigation during the coming year and report in 1886.

EXTENSION IN GENERAL.

I wish to take this opportunity to say a few words on extension in general.

I am by no means an enemy of conservatism in extension, and I believe the greatest care should be exercised in the establishment of chapters, but I also believe that what is sometimes called conservatism often does not deserve the name, or at least, carries the principle too far. This is true in every department of human activity, and I believe that we should unhesitatingly condemn that absurd conservatism which made the old *emigres* of France "never learn anything and never forget anything," and that absurd conservatism which makes a modern Beta Theta Pi Chapter or individual unswervingly vote "No!" without careful investigation on every petition unless the college has an endowment of a million, or an attendance of a thousand; or, silliest of all, unless the charmed trio, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Delta Kappa Epsilon, already have flourishing chapters there.

The fact that these three fraternities have chapters at a college is no unfailing sign that it is a good place for Beta Theta Pi. They are all at Bowdoin, but few of us are thinking of any effort to enter Bowdoin. Two of them are at the University of Chicago—but that makes you smile. Two of them, and Zeta Psi thrown in, are at Syracuse, but you rejected that last summer. Two of them are at Yale, but it is notorious that that is no place for Beta Theta Pi, and that the fraternity life of Yale is utterly different from our own standard.

On the other hand there are plenty of good places for a chapter of Beta Theta Pi, where these fraternities are not in force. Are we not proud of our chapters at the University of Wisconsin, the Vanderbilt University, St. Lawrence University, Richmond College, Hampden-Sidney College, Ohio Wesleyan

University, Denison College, Wooster University, Dickinson College, Johns Hopkins University, Center College, Boston University, Northwestern University? Yet neither Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, nor Delta Kappa Epsilon has a chapter at any one of these institutions.

Only one of them exists at Harvard, at DePauw, at California, yet Eta, Delta, and Omega do not disgrace Beta Theta Pi.

You would willingly grant a charter to-day to a good set of petitioners from a certain Northwestern State University, though these three fraternities are not represented there.

Again, neither Denison, Wooster, Hampden-Sidney, Kenyon, nor Northwestern is a millionaire University, but there is not one of those chapters that any of us would abolish if we could; or if any one of us has such thoughts, he is grossly ignorant of the standards of our fraternity.

Neither Kenyon, Adelbert, Hampden-Sidney, nor Dickinson has a large number of students, but the class of men from which Betas are made in those colleges is certainly not inferior to that in Michigan or Cornell, where many hundreds are in attendance.

It is true that a poverty-stricken college, or a college with a low standard of culture, or a college with a mere handful of students and no growth or progress, is not the place for a new chapter of Beta Theta Pi, but it is just as true that there are many good colleges in this country besides Yale, Harvard and Cornell; that there is fine material for making and keeping up strong and worthy chapters of our fraternity in colleges where Alpha Deltas, Dekes, and Psi U's have never entered, and if we deny this or refuse to see it, we merely display a gross and culpable ignorance of college affairs, of real culture, and of the best standard of fraternity life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAL HANNA,
General Secretary.

EXHIBIT D.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the several Chapters of the Fraternity be required, as soon after the adjournment of this Convention as

practicable, to prepare and forward, to the Chairman of the Committee on Catalogues, supplemental lists of all members admitted since the publication of the present general catalogue, and upon the receipt of such lists, the same be printed and bound with the unbound copies of the catalogue now remaining in the hands of the committee, and distributed to subscribers for the same.

EXHIBIT E.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

DISTRICT I.

The Harvard Chapter, the Eta of Beta Theta Pi—

CHAMBERS BAIRD, JR., Denver, Col.

The Brown Chapter, the Kappa of Beta Theta Pi—

R. W. SMITH, Chicago, Ills.

W. F. ANGELL, Providence, R. I.

DISTRICT II.

The Stevens Chapter, the Sigma of Beta Theta Pi—

C. A. HALL, Mobile, Ala.

T. G. SMITH, JR., Cincinnati, O.

The Cornell Chapter, the Beta Delta of Beta Theta Pi—

GEORGE F. SAAL, Cleveland, O.

The St. Lawrence Chapter, the Beta Zeta of Beta Theta Pi—

RODNEY P. BARNES, Madrid, N. Y.

DISTRICT III.

The Johns Hopkins Chapter, the Alpha Chi of Beta Theta Pi—

LEE SALE, St. Louis, Mo.

DISTRICT IV.

The Richmond Chapter, the Alpha Kappa of Beta Theta Pi—

C. D. ROY, Atlanta, Ga.

PAUL Y. TUPPER, St. Louis, Mo.

The University of Virginia Chapter, the Omicron of Beta Theta Pi—

GEORGE R. LOCKWOOD, St. Louis, Mo.

The Bethany Chapter, the Psi of Beta Theta Pi—

J. F. WITMER, Williamsville, N. Y.

DISTRICT V.

The Center Chapter, the Epsilon of Beta Theta Pi—

B. GRATZ BROWN, St. Louis, Mo.

S. D. ROBER, Maysville, Ky.

LEE DUNLAP, St. Louis, Mo.

The University of Mississippi Chapter, the Beta Beta of Beta Theta Pi—

T. D. MARSHALL, Edwards, Miss.

DISTRICT VI.

The Ohio Wesleyan Chapter, the Theta of Beta Theta Pi—

M. G. PARK, Galion, O.

The Wooster Chapter, the Alpha Lambda of Beta Theta Pi—

J. CAL HANNA, Columbus, O.

The Ohio University, the Beta Kappa of Beta Theta Pi—

WILBY G. HYDE, New Holland, O.

DISTRICT VII.

The DePauw Chapter, the Delta of Beta Theta Pi—

J. G. CAMPBELL, Battle Ground, Ind.

FRANK M. JOYCE, Cincinnati, O.

WILLIAM IGLEHART, Evansville, Ind.

The University of Michigan Chapter, the Lambda of Beta Theta Pi—

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W. TEIS SMITH, Pekin, Ills.

DISTRICT VIII.

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WILL B. HANNA, Danville, Ia.

DISTRICT IX.

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W. R. DOBYNS, Austin, Tex.

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CHARLES D. DEAN, Lawrence, Kas.

PLINY L. SOPER, Troy, Kas.

CHARLES E. PARKER, Ottawa, Kas.

EXHIBIT F.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS AND CHARTERS.

PART I.

Your Committee on Chapters and Charters beg leave to submit the following partial report :

1. We recommend that the petition for a charter at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, be granted by the Convention.

2. We recommend that the petition for a charter at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, be granted by the Convention.

PART II.

We recommend that this Convention instruct the General Secretary to prepare the petitions for charters at the University of Denver, the University of Missouri, and the Michigan State State Agricultural College, and submit the same to the vote of the chapters as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, of Article II., of our Constitution.

PART III.

The committee, under instructions from the Convention, as to the matter of the petition from the Ohio State University, recommends that their petition for a charter be submitted to a vote of the chapters, as in the case of the foregoing petitions, reported in part II., of this report.

WILLIS O. ROBB,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT G.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CORPORATION.

PART I.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND BROTHER BETAS—Your Committee on Finance and Corporation beg leave to submit the following partial report :

We have considered the question of increasing the subscription list of the "Beta Theta Pi," and would suggest:

First—That this Convention authorize that a clause be placed in the by-laws of every chapter, requiring every active member of the chapter to subscribe to the Beta Theta Pi.

Second—That every chapter use every means possible to obtain alumni subscriptions, and we suggest that for this purpose a special subscription agent be appointed by each chapter.

Our journal, although excellent, is not as good as it could be made with proper financial backing, and our editors have often been hampered, in making needed changes, by a lack of funds. The above scheme, if carried into effect, will remove many of the difficulties that our editors have been laboring under.

M. G. PARK,

Chairman of Committee.

PART II.

Your Committee on Finance and Corporation have examined and audited the report of the General Treasurer; \$465.00 were received during the year from the chapters. The following chapters have not yet paid their dues: Beta Theta, Omicron, Mu, Delta, and Tau. The Magazine fund shows a balance of \$22.92; \$37.00 of unpaid subscriptions would raise this balance to \$59.92. This is a very creditable showing for the small subscription list of last year.

We have examined the report of the Board of Directors, and have nothing to recommend for the consideration of the Convention.

M. G. PARK,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER.

The following, to which I wish to call your attention, is the account of the General Treasurer of Beta Theta Pi for 1884-85:

RECEIPTS.

Cash from ex-Treasurer.....	\$ 402 36
Cash from Endowment fund.....	212 46
Cash from Chapters	465 00= \$ 1,079 82

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	\$ 74 00 ✓
Brother Robb, expenses to Oxford.....	8 90
Rent.....	130 00
J. Cal Hanna, Salary	75 00 ✓
Stationery	6 60
Brother Wambaugh.....	75 00
Ordered by Forty-fifth Convention.....	150 00 ✓
Loan account.....	210 20
Ritual account	4 00
Cash on hand.....	346 12 \$= 1,079 82

The following chapters have not paid their annual dues:
Beta Theta, Omicron, Mu, Delta, and Tau.

THE MAGAZINE.

The following is the account of the receipts and expenses of
the Magazine, "Beta Theta Pi:"

RECEIPTS.

From subscriptions, 1884-85.....	\$ 672 00
From subscriptions, 1885-86.....	19 60
From advertisements.....	205 00
From sundries.....	182 22= \$ 1,078 82

EXPENSES.

Publishing No. 1.....	\$ 85 00
Publishing No. 2.....	80 00
Publishing No. 3.....	80 00
Publishing No. 4.....	80 00
Publishing No. 5.....	60 00
Publishing No. 6.....	115 00
Postage.....	57 00
Janitor.....	18 00
Stationery, etc	56 30
Lithographing	24 00
Sundries.....	221 00
Paper.....	179 60= \$ 1,055 90
Leaving a cash balance of	\$ 22 92

There is due the journal thirty-seven dollars (\$37.00) from
unpaid subscriptions.

EXHIBIT I.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity:

Your Board of Directors herewith submits its annual report for the year 1884-85:

It is a noticeable fact that the reports of this Board to the successive annual Conventions have invariably been marked by great brevity, and that little beyond purely routine work on the part of the Board has had to be chronicled in them. The present report will prove no exception to this rule. If any are disposed to murmur at the lack of interesting matter found in these reports, we would respectfully call their attention to the ancient and accepted adage, "Blessed is that people whose annals are dull reading." It is, we feel confident, a matter for congratulation that our fraternity is in such a condition as to require but little exercise of the governmental power from its Board of Directors. The ideal government is that which governs least, and our fraternity has made great progress toward that ideal.

At its first meeting for the year, the Board organized by electing John W. Herron, President; Willis O. Robb, Secretary; John I. Covington, General Treasurer, and Messrs. John I. Covington and William B. Burnet, Managing Directors of the fraternity journal.

The report of the General Treasurer is herewith submitted, and made a part hereof.

Upon the recommendation of the Managing Directors of the fraternity journal, the number of issues of the journal for the year was reduced to six. Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr., was elected Managing Editor and Business Manager. But after preparing the first issue for the press, Mr. Baird was obliged to resign his position on account of his removal from Cincinnati; the business management of the journal was then entrusted to Mr. Frank M. Joyce, and Willis O. Robb was made Managing Editor for the rest of the year. The report of the Managing Directors will be submitted to this Convention. It is a satisfaction to know that the present condition and prospects of the journal will justify the Board in returning to the ten-issue volume this year.

The Board was instructed by the last Convention to prepare a full list of chapter-titles in accordance with the plan for naming chapters adopted by that Convention. This was done at the first meeting of the Board, the list, as thus fixed, running as follows :

I.—THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

The Ohio University Chapter, the Beta Kappa of Beta Theta Pi.			
The Western Reserve Chapter, the Beta of	"	"	"
The Washington-Jefferson Chapter, the Gamma of	"	"	"
The Harvard Chapter, the Eta of	"	"	"
The De Pauw Chapter, the Delta of	"	"	"
The Indiana University Chapter, the Pi of	"	"	"
The University of Michigan Chapter, the Lambda of	"	"	"
The Wabash Chapter, the Tau of	"	"	"
The Center Chapter, the Epsilon of	"	"	"
The Brown Chapter, the Kappa of	"	"	"
The Hampden-Sidney Chapter, the Zeta of	"	"	"
The Ohio Wesleyan Chapter, the Theta of	"	"	"
The Hanover Chapter, the Iota of	"	"	"
The Cumberland Chapter, the Mu of	"	"	"
The University of Virginia Chapter, the Omicron of	"	"	"
The Beloit Chapter, the Chi of	"	"	"
The Bethany Chapter, the Psi of	"	"	"
The University of Iowa Chapter, the Alpha Beta of	"	"	"
The Wittenberg Chapter, the Alpha Gamma of	"	"	"
The Westminster Chapter, the Alpha Delta of	"	"	"
The Iowa Wesleyan Chapter, the Alpha Epsilon of	"	"	"
The Denison Chapter, the Alpha Eta of	"	"	"
The Richmond Chapter, the Alpha Kappa of	"	"	"
The Wooster Chapter, the Alpha Lambda of	"	"	"
The University of Kansas, the Alpha Nu of	"	"	"
The Randolph-Macon Chapter, the Alpha Xi of	"	"	"
The Univ. of Wisconsin Chapter, the Alpha Pi of	"	"	"
The Northwestern Chapter, the Rho of	"	"	"
The Dickinson Chapter, the Alpha Sigma of	"	"	"
The Boston Chapter, the Upsilon of	"	"	"
The Johns Hopkins Chapter, the Alpha Chi of	"	"	"
The Univ. of California Chapter, the Omega of	"	"	"
The Kenyon Chapter, the Beta Alpha of	"	"	"
The Univ. of Mississippi Chapter, the Beta Beta of	"	"	"

The Rutgers Chapter, the Beta Gamma of	Beta Theta Pi.
The Cornell Chapter, the Beta Delta of	" " "
The Stevens Chapter, the Sigma of	" " "
The St. Lawrence Chapter, the Beta Zeta of	" " "
The Maine State College Chapter, the Beta Eta of	" " "
The University of Pennsylvania Chapter, the Phi of	" " "
The Madison Chapter, the Beta Theta of	" " "
The Union Chapter, the Nu of	" " "
The Columbia Chapter, the Alpha Alpha of	" " "
The Amherst Chapter, the Beta Iota of	" " "
The Vanderbilt Chapter, the Beta Lambda of	" " "

II.—THE INACTIVE CHAPTERS.

The Miami Chapter, the Alpha of	Beta Theta Pi.
The Cincinnati Chapter, the Pi Beta of	" " "
The Transylvania Chapter, the Pi Epsilon of	" " "
The Princeton Chapter, the Pi Theta of	" " "
The Williams Chapter, the Pi Iota of	" " "
The Univ. of North Carolina Chapter, the Pi Eta of	" " "
The Knox Chapter, the Pi Xi of	" " "
The Washington-Lee Chapter, the Pi Rho of	" " "
The Illinois College Chapter, the Pi Sigma of	" " "
The South Carolina Col. Chapter, the Pi Upsilon of	" " "
The Davidson Chapter, the Pi Phi of	" " "
The Oglethorpe Chapter, the Pi Chi of	" " "
The Naval Academy Chapter, the Pi Omega of	" " "
The Monmouth Chapter, the Pi Alpha of	" " "
The Chicago Chapter, the Alpha Zeta of	" " "
The Virginia Mil. Ins. Chapter, the Alpha Theta of	" " "
The Washington Univ. Chapter, the Alpha Iota of	" " "
The Howard College Chapter, the Alpha Mu of	" " "
The Trinity Univ. Chapter, the Alpha Omicron of	" " "
The William and Mary Chapter, the Alpha Tau of	" " "
The Virginia State Col. Chapter, the Alpha Phi of	" " "
The Butler Chapter, the Alpha Psi of	" " "

On November 20, 1884, a charter was granted for an Alumni Chapter at Washington, D. C., and on August 25, 1885, a similar charter was granted petitioners at Philadelphia, Pa.

On January 5, 1885, a dispensation was granted the Northwestern Chapter, at Evanston, Ills., to initiate into the chapter certain students of Denver University; and on January 30, 1885, a dispensation was granted to the Hampden-Sidney Chapter to initiate students of the Union Theological Seminary, located in the same town, formerly under the same control, and still conducted in sympathy with the Hampden-Sidney College.

Early in February, a difficulty having arisen in the University of Mississippi Chapter, that had culminated in a notice from that chapter that it would be obliged to put its charter at the disposal of the Board, the Secretary of the Board was instructed to visit the chapter and take such steps as seemed proper in the case. Finding that the trouble had grown out of the expulsion of one man, it was determined, after an investigation and a conference with all the parties in interest, that the sentence of expulsion should be repealed, after which the reinstated member, together with one other, should, by mutual agreement, withdraw from all active connection with the chapter, though not surrendering their membership in the fraternity at large. This arrangement was carried into effect, and no further trouble has been reported in the case.

The Board was instructed by the last Convention to investigate the condition of the Ohio University, Cumberland, and Iowa Wesleyan Chapters, with authority, in case the investigation warranted it, to request the surrender of the charters of these chapters, and report such action to this Convention. As, however, reliable reports received early in the year indicated that in all these cases a marked improvement in condition and prospects had taken place, the Board did not feel justified in exercising the discretionary power that had been entrusted to it. For the present condition of the chapters the Convention is respectfully referred to the report of the General Secretary, in the light of which report it can properly be left to choose what action it will take in this and similar cases.

The matter of the appeal of H. S. Stetler from the action of his chapter (the University of Pennsylvania Chapter), in passing sentence of indefinite suspension against him, was referred to the Board by the last Convention, the absence of important papers bearing upon the case rendering any action by said Convention impossible.

The Board has to report that full statements of both sides of this case were only received late in the present summer; and as the Board was only authorized to take such action as might seem proper until this Convention should meet and give the case final consideration, it was deemed best merely to refer the entire case, with the documents pertaining to it, to this Convention, for its consideration and disposal, which is accordingly done herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIS O. ROBB,
Secretary of the Board.

EXHIBIT J.

ORATOR AND POET.

Your Committee on Orator and Poet respectfully report that they would recommend the following nominations for these positions:

For Orator of Forty-seventh Convention — Governor GEORGE HOADLY, Columbus.

For Alternate — Hon. JOHN S. WISE, Richmond, Va.

For Poet of Forty-seventh Convention — CHAMBERS BAIRD, JR., Denver, Col.

For Alternate — L. R. HAMBERLIN, Mobile, Ala.

WILLIS O. ROBB,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT K.

CHAPTER TRANSPORTATION.

Your Committee on Chapter Transportation begs leave to submit its report, and to make the following recommendations:

1. That a chapter transportation fund be annually accumulated, to be used for the purpose of providing for the travelling expenses of the chapter delegates to the annual conventions of the fraternity.

2. That this fund shall be formed by an annual assessment of ten dollars upon each active chapter, which assessment shall be paid into the general treasury on or before the first day of May in each current year.

3. That every active chapter is hereby required to be represented at each annual convention by at least one delegate, whose railroad or boat fare will be paid from the general transportation fund.

4. That Major W. C. Ransom be hereby appointed transportation agent of the fraternity, with full power to arrange with the proper authorities for travelling fares, and to secure advantageous rates.

CHAMBERS BAIRD, JR.,
Chairman.

FRANK M. JOYCE,
CHAS. L. ANDREWS.

EXHIBIT I.

PERMANENT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Your Committee on Permanent Officers and Directors begs leave to submit the following report:

FOR DIRECTORS—

GENERAL R. W. SMITH, Chicago; term expires Sept. 4, 1888.

JOHN W. HERRON, Cincinnati; term expires Sept. 4, 1888.

JOHN I. COVINGTON, Cincinnati; term expires Sept. 4, 1888.

FOR GENERAL SECRETARY—J. CAL. HANNA, Columbus, O.

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FOR HISTRIOGRAPHER—WILLIAM R. BAIRD, New York.

FOR VISITING OFFICERS—L. C. HASKELL, New York.

EXHIBIT M.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Report of Committee on Time and Place of next Convention :
Your Committee on Time and Place of next Convention begs
leave to recommend Cincinnati, Ohio, as the place, and the 25th,
26th, and 27th of August, 1886, as the time for the next Con-
vention.

C. A. HALL,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT N.

MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS.

Report of Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs: Your Com-
mittee on Miscellaneous Affairs, having thoroughly investigated
the charges and evidence as presented in the record of the case
of Phi Chapter against Brother Howard S. Stetler, recommends
that the appeal of the said Brother Stetler from the judgment of
indefinite suspension, passed upon him by his own chapter, be
dismissed.

C. A. HALL,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT O.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

[The report of the Committee on Necrology for the last two
years will be published, as soon as prepared, in the Magazine, or
in a supplement thereto.]

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THE TOURNEY PRIZE.

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In lone Tintagel's realm an ancient castle lifts
To dewy skies its gray and gleaming walls,
And o'er each massive tower and battlement
The nestling mosses creep, and ivies fling
Fantastic sprays of dusky green ; and when
The summer's kiss lies warm on wood and wold,
The mating swallows build their nests upon
The pendent eaves, and fill with melody
The rose-flushed evening air. And, hither on
His Destrier borne, a gallant horseman comes,
All bright with fluttering robes and armor's sheen,
As blushing poppies in the sunlit fields
Of May, or gorgeous bannerets that flaunt
Their silken folds o'er Arthur's palace hall.
Sir Lionel 'tis, of the famous Table Round,
Who comes to woo the lily-browed Legerne ;
That dwells within those ancient halls. Now hand
In hand they stray beside the moat that binds
Its silver circlet round the castle's walls,
And lingering in the bower the wild rose builds,
They whisper o'er that magic tale that youth
Will e'er to beauty tell, as long as wild
Hearts beat within the passionate breast of man,
Or amorous blood throbs in his tingling veins ;
As long as morn shall scatter flowers in
The meadows of the east, or with her dusky scarf
The night shall staunch the bleeding wounds of day.
His hands stray thro' the mesh of tangled gold
Her tresses weave upon his breast, where now
Her head is softly pillowed. Maddened by
The love that flashes from their darkling eyes
Their lips together cling in rapturous kiss.
Indeed all things around in earth and sky,
Darkness, and ambient air, and babbling waves,
Do seem to breathe of love. The burning stars
Are gleaming in the azure sky like drops
Of golden rain. The murmurous wind that frosts
The silver on the lakelet's breast is faint
With kisses from ten thousand dreaming flowers.
From yonder copsewood's heart where darkness throws
Her trailing veil the lonely nightingale's
Ecstatic song rolls tiny waves of golden sound,
As sweet as bells that chime at evensong,
Or lay the minstrel trolls within a twilight bower.
And all the while the rill that trickles down
The mossy rocks and weaves its flying dance

The many meadows thro', croons to
The pallid lily dreaming on its breast.
O for a heart all drunk with wine of love,
And lips steeped in Parnassian dew, to tell
The tale Sir Lionel whispered to Legerne
That starry night in lone Tintagel's realm !
A sterner theme now claims the muse's song.
For Lionel speaks of deeds of prowess done
In battle field, when stern-browed war had loosed
His red-tongued hounds, and taught the hills
And fields where erst at noon the shepherd piped
A pastoral strain beneath the willow's greenery,
Or wild birds' song from blooming hedgerows throbbed
Upon the peaceful air, to ring with shields
That clash, and spears that shock, and charger's neigh,
And ocean-sounding shout of battling hosts.
Of prizes, too, and guerdons from the hands
Of ladies fair, he tells, and says that yester e'en
A horseman to his castle came, and with
One blast upon his silver horn gave tongue
To all its hundred slumbering echoes,
A wandering herald who had ridden far
Thro' many a land, where high o'er head the north
Star burns in icy skies, and where the mists
By booming oceans pitch their spectral tents,
And thro' fair southern dells, where palm trees wave
Their tufted plumes o'er tropic seas, and told
At every castle gate and palace hall,
King Rhoul of Grail would give a tournament
To grace his nuptial feast. From every land,
Where songs were sung by wandering troubadours
In praise of those who won the Tourney prize,
Brave knights would come to try their might
And skill with steed, and brand, and burnished shield.
Fair ladies, too, from silk-hung stalls would cheer
Each faltering heart and wearied knight with veils
Down flung to wear on mailed arm and casque.
The prize was rich beyond compare, and worth
The ransom of a king, a knightly sword,
With trusty blade, and jeweled hilt, and bracelet made
By Merlin ere Vivian bound him in the tower.
Around the bracelet's band two serpents wound
Their golden scales in many a lustrous coil,
And flashed from jeweled eyes strange, weird
And fitful gleams of fire. The knight who clasped
This bracelet round his lady's arm should have
Her love and trust, till cruel death should still
With icy hand and cold her beating heart.
"And now," says Lionel, "ere morning light
Her beacons on yon eastern hills my barque
Shall spread her sails. For, oh ! my love, I swear
By Cupid's bow, and by the rising moon
That tips with silver sheen the forest boughs,
My hand shall win and bind that bracelet round
Your arm that oft has nestled next my heart,
And thrilled beneath my kiss." She heard, but as
A prophet's voice of woe breaks thro' the notes
Of festal song, or clamorous tocsin's clang
That rings the loud alarum in the castle tower
And stills the mirth and laughter in the wassail hall,

And makes all pale the cheeks that erst were red
 With love or wine ; so in the frighted heart
 Of pale Lagerne a voice does seem to still
 The whisperings of love and doom-like rings
 And cries woe on Sir Lionel's quest beyond the sea.
 In vain she tries to still its murmurs. Like
 The bell the ocean surges toss on sunken reefs,
 And which each moment wilder, madder peals
 Sends forth across the tempest-darkened sea,
 This voice cries on, and on, and on,
 Until at last she tells her fear, and begs
 Him by his oft repeated vows of love
 Not to attempt the dangers of the false
 And fickle sea, for should the ocean lie
 Between their hearts, she ne'er should see him more.
 She weeps, and sobs, and clings, and pleads, but sobs,
 And weeps, and pleads, and clings, in vain. Sir Lionel thinks
 Him of the bracelet's power to make this love
 Immortal and will not heed her prayer.

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The last faint clanging of his horse's hoof
 Has died away, and the glimmer of his form
 Fades in the forest's darkening gloom. No soul
 Is near to hear the maiden's sobs, or see
 The pallid hue pain writes upon her brow.
 But piteous night and the ivy which the wind
 Has kept awake, can see and hear, and fain
 Would silence in her breast the voice of woe.
 O'er rustling wood and moonlit mold, o'er tarn
 And fell, there broods a peace like that which fills
 An angel's breast who dreams in Paradise ;
 It only seems to mock her wild unrest.
 The long procession of the stars in golden robes
 Pursues its endless march across the sky,
 And seems on every beam to waft Legerne
 A message full of hope. Afar she sees
 The mountains bare their lovely brows unto the kiss
 Of heaven ; they, too, seem to say, "Despair not,"
 And soothed and lulled, the wings of hope
 Begin to flutter in her heart. At last
 The maiden turns her to her couch and falls
 Into a slumber, deep and restless, full
 Of strange, fantastic, ever-changing dreams.
 She seems to wander with Sir Lionel thro'
 A shadow-haunted wood, and stern and grim
 The mountains loom and with their jagged peaks
 Enclose the landscape as with a ponderous crown.
 Strange, changeful fires burst in variant hues
 And ever reering forms, one moment on
 Their sight, and soon fade trackless in
 The night. Anon they gleam again in
 Shapes more wild, and break and wheel and dance.
 And lead the knight and lady on, and then
 A soft, low music swells from elfin horn
 And fairy shell, and lingers dreamlike on
 The enchanted ear. At last they reach a mere
 That nestles at the mountain's foot. Dark yew
 Trees throw mourning shadows o'er murky wave

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And only here and there the wavelets sparkle in
 The moonlight streaming cold and chilling thro'
 The tossing boughs. They find a tiny boat
 Amid the bank reeds moored, and guided by
 An unseen power they soon embark upon
 The swirling stream, and phantom-like their boat
 Glides thro' the golden-hearted water-lilies that clasp
 The moonbeams to their breast, until they gleam
 Like pearls a mermaid strings by coral seas.
 On, on the shallop fleets to where one tall
 And lovely flower lifting its chalice from
 The dark mere's darkest part, rocks to and fro
 Like the cup some reveller waves around his rose
 Crowned brow in drunken glee. They float beside
 It now. Legerne bids Lionel pluck it for
 The ringlets of her hair. He leans far o'er
 The water and his fingers close upon
 The fragile stem; two snowy arms rise from
 The mere and seize the daring knight and drag
 Him down beneath the closing waves. A shriek
 Like that which comes from breaking hearts shrills
 The castle hall, and Legerne wakes from her dream.
 The crimson folds of morning's banners flaunt
 Already in the heavens, and the swallows preen
 Their dewy plumes beneath the lattice or
 They burst into their morning song. Moved by
 This dream she fears again that doomful voice
 That warned the night before, and sends her page
 To bid Sir Lionel forego this dangerous quest.
 Alas, too late! his barque had sailed before
 Her message came, and when she heard these words
 Despair was lord within her aching heart.
 Meanwhile Sir Lionel o'er the sea spared not
 His steed nor might, but won the Tourney prize;
 The sword already dangled by his side,
 And soon his love would wear the bracelet's gold.
 His barque is homeward bound, his native cliffs
 Gleam o'er the sunset seas. The whispering winds
 Make melody in the glimmering sails, but love
 Sings in his loyal heart a sweeter song.
 The waves swell proudly on the ocean's breast,
 But prouder throbs the blood within his veins.
 The fleecy cloudlets build enchanted halls
 In Western skies, but his exultant hopes
 Build statelier forms. When lo! one shrill,
 Pained cry rings thro' the startled air;
 He sees his loved page battling with
 The hungry sea, and quick as lightning-flash,
 Or sabre gleam, he springs into the sea,
 When oh! the brodered mantle clings around
 His struggling arms. He sinks ne'er more
 To rise again. The helmet plume alone
 Marks where he sank, and like the lily in
 The maiden's dreams, rocks to and fro upon the wave.

Dabney Marshall.

THE CONVENTION.

ording to call, the forty-sixth annual convention of the fraternity was held in St. Louis, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th, August, with headquarters in that city.

The Lindell Hotel, where most of the delegates were entertained and where the business sessions convened. This was the first of our conventions that has been held west of the Mississippi, and the attempt of the place was, therefore, only an experiment. But the fraternity's confidence in the choice of locality was amply justified by the enthusiastic reception extended and generous efforts of entertainment made by the local friends of the city and vicinity, who responded with cordial unanimity to the delegates to their interest and affection. Reduced hotel and railroad rates were secured, and during the sessions of the convention the delegates were made the recipients of bountiful social courtesies on the part of the resident members. The committee of arrangements, to whom the delegates are thus justly due for the pleasant hospitality afforded, consisted of the following brethren: F. E. Nipher, chairman; George M. Block, Paul F. Coste, J. H. Todd, Charles M. Napton, and Walter Douglas, secretary. In addition to the worthy *fraters*, several other alumni distinguished themselves by their personal presence, among whom may be particularly mentioned ex-Gov. B. Gratz Brown and Mayor Francis, in the ranks of whom was found a valuable aid to the visitors' entertainment. Among the "silver greys" from abroad were naturally found the perennially-enthusiastic Major Ransom, with whom was intimately associated Gen. R. W. Brown, of Chicago, who is becoming a convention-goer almost as regular, family and interested as his endeared colleague, whom he succeeded in supplanting as director, as he begins to rival his predecessor in mature fraternity warmth and affection.

In the morning of Wednesday, the delegates and visitors began to mingle informally in the corridors of the hotel and exchange the greetings of friends and new acquaintances. The "living remnant" whose faces have now become "familiar features" of convention

life renewed past intimacies and discussed new plans and opinions, while the younger undergraduate element began to drink in the infectious enthusiasm of the fresh experience. The opening session was called to order at 1 o'clock, P. M., by the General Secretary, J. Cal. Hanna, of Columbus, O. W. W. Dedrick, of St. Louis, was made temporary chairman, and C. A. Hall, of Mobile, Ala., temporary secretary. Mayor Francis (Washington University, St. Louis), on behalf of the local alumni and citizens of St. Louis, delivered the address of welcome, to which Major W. C. Ransom, of Lansing, Mich., responded felicitously for the delegates. After some necessary delay, the committee on permanent organization reported the following nominations for officers of the convention, which were accordingly ratified: president, ex-Gov. B. Gratz Brown, St. Louis; vice-presidents, W. C. Ransom, Lansing, Mich., J. C. Hanna, Columbus, O., and Dabney Marshall, Edwards, Miss.; secretary, W. L. Smith, Ann Arbor, Mich.; assistant secretary, C. A. Hall, Mobile, Ala.; marshal, W. G. Hyde, Columbus, O.

It was, to a noticeable degree, a western convention, both in *personnel* and feeling, and in several respects this fact had a marked influence upon the conduct of the sessions and the business ends accomplished. In every convention there is some prevailing sentiment uppermost and some particular subject most actively agitated, the why-and-wherefore of which tendencies are not often evident nor readily explained. Last year the spirit of things was most noticeably in favor of suppressing weak chapters and thus reducing our ranks, while this year an almost unanimous enthusiasm in favor of extension pervaded the session. This changed drift of feeling was, in some respect, due to the energetic and almost pathetic efforts of several bodies of petitioners who have for some years vainly asked admittance, but have not desisted from their attempts. In all, four petitions were considered by the convention, exclusive of one additional that was presented and withdrawn. Of these, however, two were, unfortunately, adjudged technically defective in their forms of

presentation, and one of them, at least, probably owes its failure almost wholly to this cause. Of the two which came up for definite action, one, the University of Texas, was admitted, and the other failed by only one vote, to the great grief of its supporters and personal representative. Under usually favorable circumstances of attendance, this charter would almost certainly have been granted, in view of the necessary provision of two-thirds of the chapters voting in the affirmative. Unfortunately, however, two-thirds were not represented, and a unanimous approval was therefore required for its success, but not obtained. But the sympathy of the convention was too strongly set in favor of judicious extension to allow so promising a project to fail so utterly and inauspiciously, and a move was made by which the petition goes before the chapters for their individual action in detail. Two other petitions were also placed in the same category, which was the best that could be done for them under the circumstances, and thus the fraternity will now enjoy the unusual experience, almost unique in these later days of extreme conservatism, of voting upon three new petitions for charters at one and the same time. So important a matter, following closely upon the heels of the charter just granted by the convention itself, must give ground for serious consideration of them.

The convention was not a large one, but was quite in line with the experience of the last three years, which has given us small conventions—chiefly due, it may be fairly stated in anticipation of any ominous feeling on the subject, to the rather unusual and somewhat inconvenient times and places of meeting. After these three experiments of locality, which have, however, been especially effective in reviving local enthusiasm, the fraternity will now have an opportunity to gather itself together *in toto* next year at its Cincinnati headquarters, and thus redeem itself for its recent apathy in convention attendance. But, though the conventions have lately been small, they are no criterion in point of numbers of the fraternity's condition—this year least of all. From the reports of the General Secretary and the various committees, never has our prosperity been greater or our prospects more encouraging. The total active annual membership was seen to be materially increased, as well as the

average size of our chapters. This enlargement, in both respects, was due partly to a seemingly stronger vitality, and partly to the remarkable resuscitation of some of our former weakly chapters, none of whom this year gave us cause for any feeling other than that of gratification for the evident improvement noted. No chapter showed a list of members smaller than eight, the membership roll ranging from that number to over thirty. The gaps in the ranks have all been strongly restored, the Old Guard strengthened and encouraged, and it was in keeping with this satisfaction with the present improvement in our internal condition that the spirit of extension held sway so vigorously and justifiably.

Experience confirms the assertion that small conventions may be as safely trusted to perform the fraternity work as larger ones. This was renewedly evident in the present instance, where the quality and quantity of the business accomplishment will compare favorably with any previous record. In one respect, however, small conventions are often handicapped in their usefulness and enterprise by a lack of a constitutional majority in representation to enable them to vote definitely and fairly upon certain important questions—notably that of extension. But in other regards a small convention is something at an advantage in point of compactness and greater closeness of attention. The representation also being smaller, the personal acquaintanceships are more intimate and general. These were distinguishing characteristics of the recent affair, and on examination of the routine of business performed will disclose much that is of great interest to the fraternity at large in respect to several important questions of policy, both external and internal. Some moves are largely in the nature of experiments, the success of which must be passed upon by the next convention; but, whether or not they prove successful, they indicate well the spirit of energy and enterprise that actuated the last fraternity council.

The business of the convention was readily accomplished in the three allotted days, there being no radical differences or intense antagonisms to prolong discussion to an inordinate degree. Almost everything went through smoothly and decorously, the question of extension being the only matter which aroused any considerable excitement, and that served only

to voice the latent enthusiasm with which it was discussed. The sessions, begun on Wednesday afternoon, were delightfully varied by the pleasant entertainment extended by the local alumni. On Wednesday evening the delegates attended a summer garden theatre in a body, where seats well up in front were delicately reserved for the devotees of comic opera. On Thursday afternoon carriages were provided for a most pleasurable drive through the city parks and suburbs, including a visit to the famous "Shaw's Garden." On the evening of this day a reception was given the delegates at the University Club, where they were informally and generously entertained. The business of the convention prevented any more extended effort on the part of the local hosts, but personally they were in many other ways and at all times attentive to the wants and tastes of their visitors.

The grand *finale* of the convention was, naturally, the banquet, which took place the last evening, Friday. Some delegates had hastily departed at close of business sessions, and a number of the local alumni were unable to be present, as they had wished; but, with covers laid for about fifty, there was no lack of social success or convivial feeling. No ladies were present, which was something of an innovation, quite unexplained, but, however ungallantly asserted, not at the time deeply deplored, except by certain noted devotees of the tender sex. It had been intended that ex-Gov. Brown should act as presiding officer and toast master, but he was, unfortunately, indisposed on the evening of the occasion, and the position was therefore filled by Mayor Francis, whose alert energy and ready enthusiasm made him an assured success. There was no regular programme of toasts, and all the exercises were therefore almost perfectly informal, which added greatly to the spontaneity of the occasion and to the ingenuousness

of some of the replies. Ex-Governor Hardin was prevented by illness from delivering the oration, as intended. The following is a summary of the evening's post-prandial sport:

1. Opening remarks, by Mayor Francis.
— Song.
2. The Convention Poem, by Dabney Marshall, of Mississippi.
— Song.
3. Toast: "Our Fraternity." J. Cal. Hanna, General Secretary.
— Song.
4. Toast: "The 46th Annual Convention—'Beyond the Mississippi'." Major Ransom.
— Song.
5. Toast: "The Active, Members." Gen. R. W. Smith.
— Song (Bass solo, by Prof. Tate, of Westminster College.)
6. Toast: "Our Alumni." Dabney Marshall.
— Song.
7. Toast: "Our Defunct Chapters." George R. Lockwood, of Washington University.
— Song.
"My *chapter* lies over the ocean,
O, bring back my chapter to me."
8. Toast: "The St. Louis Alumni." Walter B. Douglas.
— Song.
9. Toast: "Transportation." W. S. Jones.
— Song.
10. Toast: "Betas of the Far West." Chambers Baird, Jr., Denver, Colorado.
— Song.
11. Toast: "Betas in Missouri." B. H. Charles, Jr., Westminster College.
— Song. (By Prof. Tate.)

(At this point Dabney Marshall was called to the chair, and presided to the close of the banquet.)

12. Toast: "The Beta Girls." C. D. Roy, Richmond Va., and J. R. Montgomery, Beloit, Wis.
13. Toast: "Beta Wives." W. P. Kennett, St. Louis.
14. Toast: "Coming Betas." J. Cal. Hanna.
— Song.
15. Toast: "Beta Athletes." George F. Saal, Cornell.
16. Toast: "The *Journal*." Chambers Baird, Jr.
17. Toast: "Pan-Hellenism." Major Ransom.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The graduates of Miami University are fond of speaking of their *alma mater* as "Old Miami." Of course, no great age is intended by such a phrase when used of a western institution, and Miami, though one of the oldest colleges in the West, cannot count as many years of active life as can several of her graduates now living. It may be that the phrase given above has grown popular as a term of regard, as expressing in a strikingly euphonious way a general kindly feeling for a school which has accomplished much good and suffered much misfortune rather than because of any idea of venerable age. Still, if one ventures at all into the story of the origin and first establishment of Miami, he can find no stopping place short of the beginnings of civilized life in southwest Ohio.

It was in the year 1787, the year of the United States Constitution and of the Ordinance for the government of the Northwest Territory, that the proposed establishment of what was to become Miami University was broached. In July of that year the Ohio Company had purchased from congress a tract of land on the Scioto and Muskingum rivers, and had received a gift of two townships for the establishment of an university. A month later John Cleves Symmes, Chief Justice of New Jersey, "encouraged," as he says, by the resolutions of congress in connection with the Ohio Company's purchase, filed his application for the purchase of a tract of land between the two Miami rivers, "in all respects similar, in form and matter, to the said grant made [to the Ohio Company], differing only in place where, and instead of two townships for the use of an university, that one only be assigned, for the benefit of an academy." This application was favorably regarded by the government, and in November of 1787 Judge Symmes announced, in a voluminous document addressed to "the respectable public" of New Jersey, the terms of the sale and settlement of his Miami lands.

From this document it appears that a condition of the grant was that "one complete township be given perpetually for the purposes of an academy or col-

lege, to be laid off by the purchaser or purchasers as nearly opposite to the mouth of the Licking river as an entire township may be found eligible in point of soil and situation, to be applied to the intended object by the legislature of the state." Nothing would appear simpler than compliance with such a condition by the purchaser of a vast tract of unoccupied territory. But, through a misunderstanding rather than from bad faith, the location of the "college township" became a very troublesome question, which was settled only after the lapse of fifteen years by the interposition of congress and the grant of a new township in the wilderness beyond the Great Miami. It is said that at first Judge Symmes designated a very desirable township as the college township, marking it as such on his map and reserving it from sale, but that when he learned that congress had not granted him the whole extent of the territory asked for, he considered himself released from this condition, and "erased" the "college township." Later on, when the judge sought leave to extend his purchase to the Little Miami river, as first intended, leave was granted by congress with the condition of the college township re-imposed. It was now, however, out of the power of the original purchaser to set off such a township, and for several years nothing was done. But when at last it appeared that the territorial legislature was about to investigate the matter, Judge Symmes offered Governor St. Clair a township within the purchase, alleging that while there were claims to a part of it, the claims were void, or, at the furthest, the claimant could have no lien on the land. The offer, however, was rejected by the governor. It was afterwards made to the territorial legislature, to the Ohio legislature, and to congress, only to be rejected by each in turn. In the meantime the settlers had been exerting themselves to obtain from congress a new township in place of the one lost, but nothing was accomplished until 1802, when, by an act supplemental to the act admitting Ohio as a state, it was provided "that one complete township in the state of Ohio

and district of Cincinnati * * * be, and the same is hereby, vested in the legislature of the state of Ohio, for the purpose of establishing an academy, in lieu of the township already granted for the same purpose by virtue of an act entitled 'An act authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes and his associates.'"

The question was soon afterwards settled by the selection, under the authority of an act of the new legislature of Ohio, of a complete township in the unoccupied country west of the Great Miami.

Though the college township was thus located outside of the "Symmes Purchase", it seems to have been taken for granted that the site of the school itself would be within the purchase; and this was expressly required when, six years later, the legislature granted the university charter. With this restriction, the exact site was left to the decision of three commissioners appointed by the act. The commissioners are said, construing their powers liberally, to have considered as possible sites Dayton, Yellow Springs and Hamilton, as well as Cincinnati and other places more strictly within the purchase; finally they settled on Lebanon, a hamlet about thirty miles northeast of Cincinnati, and near the center of the "Miami country". Their decision did not give universal satisfaction, and the next year the legislature took the matter into its own hands, and, by an act which the quaint history of Caleb Atwater brands as "violent and unconstitutional, 'for madness ruled the hour'", fixed the site of the university in the college township. Here it has remained ever since, despite the dissatisfaction of the settlers between the Miamis, who declared that they were "wrongfully deprived of their rights" and made two vigorous efforts to have the site changed to Cincinnati. The act of 1809 above referred to vested the college lands in the corporation, for the use of the university, giving it power to lease them "for the term of ninety-nine years, renewable forever, *subject to a valuation every fifteen years,*" and bestowed on the university the beautiful and appropriate name of "Miami." A piece of good luck which is the more surprising when one remembers that an Ohio legislature had recently baptized the sister school at Athens as "The American University."

Given thus a local habitation and a name, the infant university was left to "grow up with country", a process very much less rapid in the ante-railroad days than now. The trustees had much more to do than to erect a college building, map out a course of instruction, and elect a corps of professors. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that a college was not equipped until 1824. In 1810 the college township was part of the unbroken forest; Hamilton, the nearest town, could count only 326 people; Cincinnati, the metropolis of the region, had less than twenty-four hundred inhabitants. The first aim of the trustees was to hasten as much as possible the settlement of the college lands. With this in view the tract was subdivided into smaller lots, a town—christened Oxford by the legislature—was laid out, and in the spring of 1810 the lots were offered for "sale," that is, for perpetual lease, on an annual rent of six per cent. on the purchase money. The farming lands so sold brought an average price of \$3.75 an acre, thus ensuring the university annually twenty-two and one-half cents an acre as rent. This was a fair enough income for the times, and if the provision of the original statute requiring a re-valuation every fifteen years had remained in force, the university would now have had a princely endowment; but, with a mad disregard of the future, the legislature, in 1810—before any sales were made—repealed the clause requiring this re-valuation—repealed it in express and emphatic words. The result has been that to-day, from its twenty-three thousand acres of fertile and highly cultivated lands, Miami receives an income of less than two hundred dollars to the square mile. In order that the inhabitants of this region may not find this support of the university too burdensome, it has been provided by law that their lands and houses within the township "shall be exempt from all state taxes".

In 1811 the trustees decided to solicit private donations for the university, and employed a paid agent in the work for one year. The net result was \$850 and a number of books. In 1811 the first trees in the limits of the town were felled, to erect a log building for an English school, established under the direction of the Miami trustees. Seven years later they opened a grammar school. And six years later still, in 1824, they had completed the substantial brick structure known as

the center building and were ready to open the college.

The school opened with three professorships—one of “logic, moral philosophy, and history”, attached, as of course, to the presidency; one of “mathematics, geography, and astronomy”; and one of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, or of “languages”, as it was called for short. Compared with these titles, the salaries attached to the professorships look insignificant. In 1824 the president was to receive \$1,000 a year, the professor of mathematics, geography, etc., \$700, and the professor of languages, \$500 a year; in 1827 the president was allowed \$1,200, and the other two professors \$800 and \$700 respectively. It should be borne in mind, however, that the cost of living in Oxford was much less then than now, boarding, for instance, costing the students only one dollar a week.

The presidency of the university was undertaken by the Rev. R. H. Bishop, who for a score of years had been teaching and preaching at Transylvania University in Kentucky. Mr. Bishop—“Doctor Bishop” by the time he was formally inaugurated, and ever since in the memories of Miami students—brought present aid to the school in the form of students from the country south of the Ohio, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing his charge something more than an experiment. His presidency, extending through seventeen years, is the longest in the history of the university, and includes its palmiest days. The doctor was fortunate in having as associates in the faculty young men of energy and conviction, who gained and held the confidence and respect of the students. Among the number was William H. McGuffey, called to the chair of languages in 1825. Accepting the call, he tramped through the woods from Cincinnati and entered on his work with characteristic zeal and intensity. He remained at Oxford until 1836, but after 1832 occupied the new chair of philology and mental science, in part the subject which he afterwards taught for nearly thirty years at the University of Virginia. The presidents of the university since Dr. Bishop's day have been—George Junkin, D. D., 1841-1844; E. D. McMaster, D. D., 1845-1849; W. C. Anderson, D. D., 1849-1854; J. W. Hall, D. D., 1854-1866; R. L. Stanton, D. D., 1866-1872; A. D. Hepburn, D. D., 1872-1873,

and, since the re-opening, R. W. McFarland, LL. D.

The school became very popular almost from the first. The catalogue for '25-26, the second year of the university, shows a graduating class of 12, and a total attendance of 132, representing fourteen states. So large was the attendance from Cincinnati and its vicinity that many of the pupils of Cincinnati College—started some years before under favorable auspices—were drawn off, and the exercises of the latter institution were at length suspended. At the close of the session of '34-35 the graduates, all told, numbered 160. During the period from 1830 to 1840 the yearly attendance seems to have frequently been in the neighborhood of 250; and for several years before 1861 it was about as large, the graduating classes numbering from 25 to 41. More noticeable than the number of the students is the number of the states “represented” by them. The 17 members of the class of '31 came from seven states; the 22 members of '34 from eight states; the 36 of '53 from ten, and so for other years. Nearly every part of the South was represented, Mississippi and South Carolina especially, in spite of distance and growing sectionalism.

No addition, however, was made to the original three professorships until 1832; then the number was increased to five; later on it rose to six, then to seven, and in 1869 reached high-water mark with eight full professorships. The course of instruction was modeled after that of Yale, though nothing was attempted outside of a college curriculum, the university being a university in law rather than in fact. On one occasion, only, has its university charter become of use, when in 1831 the trustees organized the “Medical Department of Miami University,” to be located at Cincinnati as a rival of the Medical College of Ohio. The friends of the latter school, however, succeeded in effecting a compromise, and the project of a separate school was at length abandoned.

With one or two backsets, the university prospered until the end of the '50's, and held its own during the period of the war. But in the booming years after the war a decline began. Competition had grown keener, a larger faculty with a more varied curriculum was demanded, and higher salaries were needed by the professors; but, while the money value of

thing else increased, the fertile lands of Miami brought only the backwoods of twenty-two cents an acre. It was hoped that the necessary outside aid would be granted by the legislature; but, having been self-sustaining for half a century, Miami seemed to have lost by all claims on state aid. An experiment was then tried. Though it was possible to have a large institution, it might still be possible to have one of the very highest grade. The course of instruction was re-cast, post-graduate courses were mapped out, an elective system introduced, and searching written examinations were required—features more novel then than now. For a moment there was a gleam of success in enthusiasm with which the students entered into the plan and did work never before required at Miami to obtain an A. B. "Twas a meteor gleamed." The enthusiasm for post-graduate courses reached the Ohio legislature, and \$10,000 which might have floated the State University over the shoals came. It was finally decided to leave the university for some years, that it might accumulate from the rents of college lands. In June of '73 the last of probably fourteen years graduated the faculty disbanded.

The students of Miami, having their leisure to make and being much in earnest, probably did plenty of hard work for their class room. They had, however, considerable surplus energy, which manifested itself in various ways. They soon established three literary societies—the "Erodelphian", the "Miami" and the "Union". The two last-named were afterwards consolidated into the "Miami Union", which carried on a keen competition with the Erodelphian until the dissolution of the university. Three Greek-letter fraternities were founded at Miami—Beta Theta Pi in 1839, Phi Delta Theta in 1848, and Sigma Chi in 1855—chapters of several other fraternities were established, the first among them being the first Greek-letter chapter in Ohio when the Miami chapter of Alpha Phi, in 1835. A college paper was started, very soon after the opening of the school—the "*Literary Focus*", in 1835.

This was followed by "*The Literary Register*", and, later still, "*The Miami Student*", one of the college papers ever published. Opportunities for further scholastic enter-

prise were furnished by the establishment, within a mile of the university grounds, of the Oxford Female College, and the Western Female Seminary—opportunities which were promptly embraced.

In the forty-nine years between 1824 and 1873 nearly 1000 students graduated from Miami, and many who did not graduate received all her college education within her walls. This body of men, scattered through the South and all the West, have accomplished rather more than their share of the world's work. Some, turning their attention to education, established, or helped to establish, other colleges, in widely separated places—Erskine College, in South Carolina; Wabash College, in Indiana; Monmouth College, in Illinois; Westminster College, in Missouri; Farmers College, in Ohio; and Beyroot College, in Syria. They also furnished a president to each of six other colleges in different states, and taught far and near as professors or school teachers. In public life Miami counts six governors of five different states, among the number the "war governors" of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois—Dennison, Morton, and Yates,—a minister to Great Britain, and a minister to Portugal, two United States senators, several judges, and an unrecorded number of members of congress and of the state legislatures. In a "Roll of Honor" published by the university authorities in 1867 are found the names of six generals, twenty-one colonels, nine majors, thirty captains, and thirteen surgeons—students of Miami serving in the Union armies during the war. In the Confederate armies also there were many Miami students, some holding important commands, but the writer has not been able to obtain any list of them which is even passably complete. A large proportion of the graduates of Miami—about one-fourth, at the date of the last triennial catalogue, in 1867—have become ministers of the gospel; not quite so large a number had taken to the law. In both lists are several well-known names.

Surrounded by the stern realities of the West, and by its opportunities of great material prosperity, the students of western colleges could not fairly have been expected to show much inclination for purely literary pursuits. And, in fact, the professed literary man is hard to find among the graduates of Miami.

However, the names of the Rev. Dr. Swing, of Chicago, class of '52, and W. S. Kennedy, of New York, a more recent graduate, and W. M. Thompson, of '28 (*quoad* the author of "The Land and the Book"), occur at the moment. Newspaper men, on the other hand, are found somewhat readily. Prominent among them are J. J. Faran, former editor and proprietor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, and Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*.

The graduates of Miami take no little personal interest in their *alma mater*. They themselves had much to do in the work accomplished by the school—the work of education, in the proper sense of the term, as distinguished from mere instruction, and one in which the mutual influence of the students counted for quite as much as the lectures of the professors. This interest manifested itself last June, when, it having been announced that the re-opening of Miami would be celebrated by a "re-union" at Oxford, nearly two hundred of the graduates, representing all but nine of the forty-eight graduating classes, assembled from far and near. It was a pleasant and an auspicious gathering. Many a long-interrupted friendship was re-established under the old oaks of the most beautiful college campus in the country, and college-mates who had not met for a quarter of a century or longer found themselves shaking hands with a youthful heartiness that surprised them, or, in the inspiration of the moment, recalling the almost forgotten nicknames

of their college days. It was estimated that, by the time the banquet, which the citizens of Oxford spread for the occasion, was served, more than twenty-five hundred venerable college jokes had appeared, none much the worse for age, while, under the influence of their youthful recollections several gray-haired graduates were seen to grow twenty years younger. The little village of Oxford, too, was looking its prettiest for the occasion—and there are few villages prettier than Oxford—a typical college town; retired, yet easy of access; quiet, yet prosperous in business; a place of attractive homes, of well-kept yards, and of wide, clean streets which, with a margin of close turf on each side of the wagon track, stretch away between long rows of shade trees.

There was much besides the enthusiasm of the meeting to encourage the friends of Miami at the re-union. The university, it was announced, was free of debt, the assured income from rents and investments was estimated at \$10,000 a year, the state had just recognized the claims of the institution in a donation of \$20,000 for repairs, the outlook for new students was altogether flattering.

Nor have any clouds overcast this first brightness of the dawn. Indeed, since the re-union the indications have grown more assuring that the revived "Old Miami", all the stronger for the past, is about to begin a new career of prosperity and wide usefulness.

Chas. M. Hepburn.

BETAS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

There are more than five thousand members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. One has served as Vice-President of the United States, one as Speaker of the House of Representatives, one as a member of a President's cabinet, three as judges of the United States Supreme Court, one as judge of a court of claims, nine as United States senators, thirty-three as United States representatives, eleven as governors, one as major-general of the army, ninety-eight as legislators, four as United States ministers to foreign countries, seventy-one as authors, and four hundred and fifty-six as ministers. Can I strengthen the pride with which every Beta reads that summary by saying that I have not included those members who have stood prominent before national conventions as candidates for the presidency of this nation, who have stood prominent before the people as the choice of national conventions for the vice-presidency, who have fought for congressional and gubernatorial honors and suffered defeat, who have held the highest offices in the gift of a state below that of governor, who have been United States consuls on every continent, who have bade adieu to loved ones and made sacrifices that they might administer to the heathen in a foreign clime, who have gained prominence in the army, in the professions, and in the branches of trade? Should I give their names I fear one issue of our Beta journal would appear as a city directory.

Here are the names of a few who have succeeded: Schuyler Colfax, James Harlan, Joseph E. McDonald, Oliver P. Morton, B. Gratz Brown, Geo. Hoadly, Newton Booth, A. G. Porter, T. T. Crittenden, H. M. Matthews, Stanley Matthews, W. B. Woods, D. W. Voorhees, John S. Wise, Durbin Ward, R. R. Hitt, W. M. Springer, C. C. Matson, Will. Cumbach, Chas. Henry Hardin, J. W. Pope, James A. Beaver, Rufus Magee, Humphrey Marshall (ex-minister to China), M. S. Quay, W. H. West (the blind orator), James Smith (secretary of state of Kansas), Richard Owen, Theopolis Parvin, Daniel Kirkwood, I. W. Joyce, C. N. Sims, H. R. Naylor, J. J. Hight, Earl Cranston, John Bascom—all of whom

have a national reputation; and some are known throughout the world.

John Young Brown was elected to the lower house of congress from Kentucky before he was of the constitutional age, 20 years. John Morris is said to have been the first man to give his life at Gettysburg.

Every chapter in the fraternity has been honored; some, of course, to a greater extent than others. Delta has been most fortunate, giving to the world a vice-president, a speaker, three senators, twelve representatives, one court-of-claims judge, and two governors. Alpha, the beginning, originated by nine students at Miami, in 1839, gives three senators, four representatives, three governors, and a judge of the highest court. One of the nine originators of the organization was made governor of Missouri; another served in legislative work, while a third gained honor on the battle-field.

Missouri has had one Beta senator and three Beta governors; Indiana three senators and two governors; and California two senators and two governors. Wisconsin, Ohio, Colorado, and West Virginia have each been governed by a Beta.

The Betas in active public life to-day will equal, if not surpass, in number and prominence, those of any one of the other Greek societies. Judges Woods, John M. Harlan, and Matthews are on the United States supreme bench. The first comes from Ohio. His appointment was secured through his acquaintance with ex-President Hayes. He is a lawyer of ability, though he is not noted in any particular branch of the profession. He is a fair judge. His house in Washington is plain and comfortable. A small room filled with books, on his second floor, is called his den. He is a hard student, and often remains with his books till more than half the night has hurried by. At his own table he greatly enjoys a joke, and when his friends are with him he entertains them with bits of brilliant wit.

Judge Harlan's large body is conspicuous when, adorned with the robe of his office, he sits beside his colleagues. He will weigh probably two hundred and twenty-five pounds. The judge comes from Kentucky. He has been a man at

ways pronounced in his views. It was because of this trait that he has been severely criticized. During the war he was opposed to the freedom of the slaves; but in so expressing himself he acted only as a mouthpiece for the friends who surrounded him. The conflict over, he became a republican in politics. If my memory serves me, he was at one of the national conventions which nominated Gen. Grant for the Presidency. He also attended the Cincinnati convention that nominated Hayes. For a time it was thought that he would become a member of Mr. Hayes' cabinet. In fact, he was promised the attorney-generalship. Opposition, however, was developed in the Senate by a member from Indiana, who said he would never allow him to be confirmed if his name was presented in connection with that office. Afterwards he was given the position that he now holds. In this he ranks with the most prominent. Personally, Judge Harlan is genial and a most pleasant person to meet. His home is unostentatious, though neat and attractive.

Judge Matthews is self-made. A more genial, social man is seldom met with. You would not call him brilliant, for in no particular way does his ability show itself. He is, however, able, and stands with the first on the bench. He is a hard student, reading history at length. Judge Matthews was first named for the supreme bench by Hayes. The Senate refused to confirm the nomination. This was just prior to the nomination of Garfield as President. Garfield desired that his friend, Swayne, be made judge advocate general of the army. I have been told that the two ex-presidents agreed that if the former would nominate Swayne, the latter, after he assumed the duties of his office, would again nominate Matthews. Whether or not such agreement was effected, Swayne received the appointment of judge advocate from Hayes, and Matthews the judgeship from Garfield.

In a recent conversation with a gentleman who might be termed an enemy of Judge James Harlan, I said to him: "What kind of a man is Judge Harlan?"

He replied: "He is a man that is filling the position of presiding judge in the Court of Alabama Claims creditably and honorably."

Judge James Harlan is from Delta chapter at old Asbury University. He worked his way through college, serving as a janitor.

When he graduated he took his clothes in a bundle upon his shoulder and started to the northwest. Iowa was his destination. In that state, in the practice of law, he rose to the position of United States senator, and was afterwards chosen a member of a President's cabinet.

John S. Wise, at present a candidate for governor of Virginia, is a descendant of one of the oldest and most honored families in that state. His father was Henry A. Wise, a former governor of Virginia, and a major-general in the Confederate army. For two hundred and fifty years the Wises have been honored in their state. John S., when but seventeen years old, and a cadet at a military academy, joined the Confederate forces, and was wounded at the battle of Newmarket. His gallantry was rewarded with a commission. He was the officer who delivered the last dispatch from General Lee to Jefferson Davis before the surrender of Lee's army. Young Wise was born in Rio de Janeiro, in 1846, where his father, at that time, represented the United States. In 1867 he graduated at the University of Virginia, where he took the medal for superiority in debate. Two years later he married the daughter of the late Hugh Douglas, of Tennessee. He represented his state at large in the last congress. While in attendance there, in an examination before a congressional committee, he told how a colored member of the Virginia legislature had been entertained in his kitchen. The bourgeois of his state raised a cry and endeavored to unsettle the black republican vote. This is the way Wise met representatives of the colored race who called upon him in regard to the matter: "Now, look here, do you suppose I am going to stop long enough even to attempt to explain this thing to you? If you have got such wooden heads that you cannot see into it you are not fit to be citizens. If, when I am standing up here between you and murder day and night, and protecting you in your rights and promoting your welfare as best I know how, you are going so be foolish enough to let our enemies come along and trip my feet, why you are welcome. I can lie down under it, but some of you men that lie down will never get up again, and you know it."

Shortly after the convention which nominated Wise for governor a number of colored men went to his kitchen. He

ordered the cook to feed them. When they had finished eating, one with coal-black skin, and exceptionally white teeth, said: "I say, Mars' John, de Philistines, dey done said yo' only receib dem cullud pussons in yo' kitchen, sho'. Golly! Mars' John, I wish um had kitchen like dat ter go to ebery mornin'."

Wise, like his father, is eloquent. I have seen him, in an impromptu effort, hold the entire House of Representatives almost spell-bound. He is personally popular, especially with the young men. He has fought duels, and has exhibited greater courage by declining to fight others.

Col. M. S. Quay, the republican candidate for treasurer of Pennsylvania, graduated among the first in his class in the college he attended. He has practiced law, has served in the war, has edited a newspaper, and has become to be one of the most prominent politicians in the keystone state. He was the military secretary of Pennsylvania's "war governor." His reputation as a fisherman is almost equal to his fame as a politician. Beside his taste for politics and fishing, he has a fondness for books, philosophy and logic. His recreation is study, and is indulged in after the day's cares are over.

There is probably no one in the United States who has a greater reputation as a criminal lawyer than Senator Voorhees. He has participated in the past two years in trials that have attracted national interest. In a speech he is eloquent. He was one of the first Betas to graduate from Delta chapter. While at college he was noted for his delivery of orations. His first congressional service was in the thirty-seventh congress. Prior to that he was a United States district attorney. When Oliver P. Morton died he was appointed to succeed him in the United States senate. Twice since then he has been elected to represent his state in a senatorial capacity. Senator Voorhees and Mr. Blaine are warm personal friends, though of different political faith. At the time the latter was selected to fill the secretaryship of state under Garfield's administration, he first informed the Indiana senator of the offer of the position, and solicited his advice about accepting it.

Mr. Voorhees is one of the most conspicuous men on the senate floor. He is tall and heavy, and has a rather large

head. He is an agreeable and entertaining companion, and is ever ready with wit or anecdote. On an occasion, with several senators and Col. Boudinot, an Indian chief, he was riding in a street car from the capitol to his boarding place at Washington. The car was full, Bondinot hung to a strap. In going around a corner, he was thrown into a lady's lap.

"What country does he come from?" asked one senator, referring to the Indian.

"He is an Englishman," said another.

"He is an American," interposed a third.

"No, gentlemen," replied Mr. Voorhees, "you are both wrong. He's a Laplander."

The senator, while he will sit in his seat at one end of the capitol during the next congress, will be represented at the other end—the House of Representatives—by a son, who, last fall, was elected a delegate to congress from Washington Territory.

General Pope, of the army, will retire from active service next year, when he will have reached the age at which the retirement of officers is allowed. He has done hard fighting in civil war and in Indian campaigns. During the rebellion he remarked that his headquarters would be in the saddle. The remark was the occasion of an alleged criticism on the part of Robert E. Lee, who said: "Pope is the only man who acknowledges that his headquarters are where his hindquarters ought to be."

The general is strong in his likes and dislikes. He will stand with a friend through every difficulty. Because of this trait, there have been those who have become his enemies. While General Pope is brave on the battle field, he exhibits fear in a thunder-storm. Going through the western country on one occasion, the wagon in which he rode was struck by lightning. Since then he has avoided even the sight of the flashes. At his post the general is a great novel reader. He reads almost every book on fiction that is published. He has a standing order with a publisher to furnish him with a copy of each one that is issued.

While ex-Senator McDonald, of Indiana, is not active in public, he holds a prominent position before the American people. Had Mr. Hendricks been out of the way, there is little doubt that Mr. McDonald would have the democratic nominee last fall for the Presidency.

For years there existed, contrary to unauthorized reports, a strong friendship between these two men. My best information now is that the former has betrayed that trust, and the latter appreciates having found out the character of one whom he esteemed. Mr. McDonald, through his exertions, has gained the prominence he now holds. He was born in Ohio, and a few years later was taken to the Hoosier state, where he has since remained. He chose the calling of harness maker, and, as he followed that location day and night, he studied to improve the intellect. In after years his early trade was the means of his acquiring the name "Old Saddlebags." As a lawyer Mr. McDonald has made a success. His practice to-day will probably amount to \$20,000 annually. He loves his profession, and is considered one of the best men of Indiana before a jury. He possesses the happy faculty of throwing off his cares, as though they were a wrap, at the close of day, and enjoying himself with his friends or family. It is this, no doubt, that, in his old age, makes him the picture of health. His hair is gray, and his features wrinkled, yet always there is seen one of those pleasing expressions upon his countenance that makes him beloved by those with whom he comes in contact.

Gov. Hoadly, of Ohio, too, is a pleasant Beta to meet. He is a most companionable man. In some respects his career is similar to that of ex-Senator McDonald. Ex-Governor Porter, of Tennessee, once said to me: "Hoadly is one of the brightest men in the United States."

He has himself to thank for his success. He has been a hard worker, and has come to be recognized as one of the leading lawyers of the country. He is a great reader of legal works.

If you ever chance to be in Washington, and are an occupant of one of the galleries of the House of Representatives, look upon the floor for a man wearing a button-hole boquet. The wearer is W. M. Springer, of Illinois, one of the most agreeable men in congress. He is the great investigator, and as such is gaining a reputation equal to Holman, the "great objector." He can pry into more details of the action of men "in the other part" than any one in Washington. When he undertakes anything, he continues until he accomplishes the end desired. This was characteristic of him in college. On

one occasion he had a speech at an Illinois university which the faculty objected to. They decided that he should not deliver it. On the night that it was to be made he had hundreds of printed copies scattered over the chapel. The result was a suspension. He went to Asbury University but was refused admission. Then he went to the Indiana State University and graduated.

Two other members of the House of Representatives are distinguished Betas. Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, has been first secretary of the American legation at Paris, assistant secretary of a state, and a congressman. Col. Matson, of Indiana, has served two terms. During the last congress, as chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, he did almost twice as much work as any of his predecessors had accomplished.

Rufus Magee is the Beta representative as United States minister abroad under the present administration. He was recently appointed to one of the European courts.

Of the ministers of the gospel who have attained eminence, I will mention Drs. Naylor, Joyce, and Hight. Dr. Naylor has filled the pulpit of the two largest Methodist churches in Washington, and two very prominent churches in Baltimore. Dr. Joyce has been pastor of St. Paul and Trinity churches in Cincinnati, and Dr. Hight is editor of one of the most prominent Methodist church papers.

I have often wondered if men in public life ever thought of their fraternity days, and as often I have thought of some one who, on some occasion, has made reference to them. I remember that at one time I was talking with R. T. Merrick—who died so recently at Washington, and who was mourned by the most prominent men in that city—on fraternal subjects. Said he: "One of my warmest friends is a Beta that I met long after I left college. I was standing in the supreme court room on one occasion. Suddenly some one tapped me on the shoulder. I turned. 'This is Richard Merrick?' I replied. 'And a Beta?' he continued. 'Yes,' I said again. 'I am George Hoadly, and a Beta, too.' From that time Hoadly and I became the warmest of friends."

Ex-Senator Morton used to say that he enjoyed meeting a Beta. Judge Matthews speaks highly of the fraternity on all occasions that the subject is broached. Senator Voorhees will visit the chapter

hall when he visits Greencastle. Representative Springer is ever ready to praise the organization; and Col. Matson says: "No days of my life have been so happy

as those when we Betas of Delta used to meet together in the old chapter hall."

C. B. Ketcham.

OUR FRIENDS, THE ENEMY.

Our Future Brother.

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Our brother! Who is he? What is he? Where is he? These are the questions which the early days of next September will hear asked in many a college town, and which the later days of the same short month are quite likely to see answered. A few brief weeks transform the stranger into the brother in more than one chapter of more than a single college order. Strange transformation, isn't it? Wonderful magic? And somewhat amusing? Yes, but this is the college fraternity. The boys lost a lot of splendid fellows last commencement. They were the leaders and the workers of the chapter; and nothing was done during the summer vacation toward filling their places. The new students who passed the entrance examinations last June were not canvassed. No effort was made to gather information about the prospective additions to the lower classes in the fall. The boys had not persuaded any of their personal friends to enter our college, and the result was that the new students were not known to the chapter; the other fraternities were "rushing" the freshmen indiscriminately, and we had to do likewise in pure self-defense. True, Brown isn't exactly the fellow we thought he was, and Smith ought to have been an Alpha Beta; but Jones and Robinson are good fellows; Smith will take the freshman prize, and the Alpha Betas had worse luck than we did. They rushed all of our men, and we only lost one of them—and we're glad they got him. They did get a splendid fellow, however, who comes from a town where we have several influential alumni; but they did not write to us, and we haven't written to them for six months or more, and as he didn't make

a very good showing at first we didn't try for him. Our alumni never do post us on new men who enter. They are enthusiastic enough, but it isn't of any practical advantage to the chapter.

Did you ever hear that story before? Did you never read it between the lines of your chapter letter or in the facts which happen with the opening of each college year? Unless you employ the opportunities of the summer months to good advantage, you can hear it in October in the old chapter hall at the university. If you will listen, you may hear its echoes from your chapter's history, and perhaps you may gain some hint of the reason for its checkered career, for the lack of sympathy between its members, for the expulsion of this member and the censure of that. It may explain why you have not a chapter-house and why the alumni extend their fellowship with some reserve, not feeling altogether sure whether you are "true blue" or one of the "mistakes" of a too eager rivalry. Your methods of asking and of answering these questions largely determine the whole character of your chapter, and fix the measure of its real success. Very much—we had almost written *everything*—depends upon how the future members of your chapter are selected. In many eastern, and some western, institutions the custom prevails of electing a "campaign committee," whose duty it is to do valiant work during the summer vacation among prospective freshmen, pledging whom they regard as worthy. Thus a man becomes a member of a Greek fraternity largely upon the basis of certain general arguments relating to the advantages of the organization, and enters his chapter comparatively a stranger to its members. The question is dependent upon the relative strength and argumentative ability of the

"campaign committees," and personal affiliations can have little to do with the ultimate decision. Regarded from the standpoint of the chapter, this system certainly has its advantages over that more or less indiscriminate struggle for men which occurs in most colleges during the opening weeks of the academic year, in that the "committee," at least, will definitely ascertain the character and quality of those whom they solicit, rejecting all who do not conform to the ideal standard of their chapter membership.

There can be little question of the true ground upon which all fraternities should seek to stand, which we conceive to be that of election only after thorough acquaintance of the active membership of the chapter, and upon grounds of personal affiliation. The Greek fraternity system is founded upon the principle of friendship, brotherhood, to which all else should be subjected. High scholarship, literary, social, athletic attainments are useful and proper requirements in determining the choice of membership. Even numbers add to the efficiency and attractiveness of fraternity associations. But above all these should be placed as the one essential requirement, that natural affiliation of character and disposition which makes possible the "brotherhood," and without which the very name, *fraternity*, becomes a reproach. Witness the manipulations of an energetic "campaign committee," which has happened upon some prospective freshmen, underneath whose native crudeness glisten the straggling and furtive gleams of what these shrewd "campaigners" regard as the true fraternal jewel. During a few weeks they wear their campaign smiles and make themselves agreeable. Then, the proper opportunity arrived, the old, old comedy is re-enacted. The question of fraternity is sprung and slowly the advantages of Alpha Beta Gamma, of Delta Epsilon, or of Zeta Eta Theta are unfolded with much mysterious restraint upon the practical operations of the order. It may be that the victim has had a second cousin in the mystic brotherhood at some college in a distant state. His whole genealogy is at once and completely disclosed; and then, we hear the spokesman—"Ahem, my young friend, a sudden idea strikes me, let us swear *eternal friendship*." Hands clasp, and a postal announces the acquisition to each member of the happy chapter, pleased that they have secured

the son of the Honorable Robinson, the nephew of the noted Jones. It is only red and green lights to complete theatrical effect; and these are used added at the ceremony of initiation, a less performance enough in many colleges. And is this the same "sacred bond of friendship" about which these ideal fraternities are so very blatant upon a public occasion? Do you wonder at some intelligent "Barbarian" who says quietly to himself? My eastern brother think for a moment whether, with your pride of years and the dignity of years bestowed upon your brotherhood are not converting your principles into a mere story into the veriest clap-trap of practicality.

In some of our colleges, and particularly in most of these are in the west, a more and fair-handed rivalry exists, which demands that the chapter shall know something of what more of the man, and that they shall have the right to look about him so that each may choose intelligently with open eyes. But more frequently during the opening weeks of a college year there is one mad, wild scramble for men. A decision is reached upon persons of whose little is, or, in the nature of the case, can be, known. Young men settle down to routine work after a few short weeks find themselves members of an organization, of some of whose aims they do not approve, and *brothers* of those with whom they can affiliate only with a feeling of regret. In many institutions the character which desire to uphold a reputation of selection are injured by the indiscriminate solicitations of fraternities, whose numbers, and who, by importunity and headlong haste, hope to secure men whom they could never obtain if time were allowed them to judge.

It is indeed true that certainty is difficult even with the utmost close inspection. But should not this very uncertainty operate to prevent undue haste rather than as a palliating circumstance should be laid down as the fundamental principle which makes possible the Greek society system that acquaintance with *character* is the first essential, the *desideratum*. He who denies this betrays the entire organization, admits its failure, its *fraternity*, to be a matter of mere circumstances, a skin-deep affection, no basis in reality and no claims of self-interest. In this day, exalting itself above the true and the noble aims of the system, with its pan-hellenism, its fr

ge of journals and its claims upon operation of college presidents and we must keep sweet and pure tain head, whence flow the waters ernity. The very idea implies 1. The Greek fraternity is no il brotherhood. Culture, scholar- orality are its watchwords. The Greek holds fast to the principle tion, and selection necessitates a lge of its objects. Blind choice is ction. Ignorant choice is not 1. A superficial acquaintance can e the sure basis of a lasting friend- He who would elevate and ien his brotherhood will clamor for d opportunity that he may select nd well.

no Utopian scheme we advocate. aracters of college boys are not id rigid, but are peculiarly sus- to the influences of association. e acquaintance is neither possible ssary before admission to a fra-

It is one of the results of that on. While rivals are alert to an- us in the canvass for recruits, we invite defeat by inactivity. But create and employ many agencies iering information of those who e our fellow students in the com- . We can bring back with us to personal friends who will be *fraters*. We can keep our alumni d, active, so that they will furnish reliable information of desirable d if we are alumni we can volunt- information and speak a word old chapter and the old college. denounce the indiscriminating e and advocate agreements which ohibit all initiations during the onths of the college year. We rict our committees to the col- of information, and retain the e of selection for the chapter, free l the "entangling alliances" of pledges or solicitations. We can h every energy to secure a large ship of desirable men, but our of desirability should never be to meet the demands of a mis- pediency.

Father and Son.

Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, for April, 1885.]
Within the last fifteen years that of old Greeks have become a proportion of the undergraduate

world, and examples have become com- mon of father and son meeting as alumnus and undergraduate members of the same fraternity. Within the same period, too, have the importance and proper sphere of the chapter begun to be fairly recognized, have chapter institutions been crystalized into permanent features, have chapter plans taken on that far-reaching development which has realized their present and promises a future of such extended usefulness, have chapter corporations become at once the treasury and exponent of the real life of the college—whose libraries, collections, and faculty are but stores of learning upon which, in one way or another, the student is permitted to draw. What the graduate *has* as a scholar must depend mainly on the college corporation; what he *is* is more important, and depends most of all—every year more—upon the influence of his chapter.

It was with the rising of a second generation of Greeks that came such a recognition, and took place such a development of fraternities. It was at the same time that the *a priori* theories of presidents and faculties began to be tempered by experience. College presidents began to be elected who had learned by active membership what the Greek chapter was and what it was not. Faculties were more and more made up of professors whose Greek experience was a certain corrective to gratuitous theories of Greek depravity. But the present status has been due even more to the influence upon the chapter of its graduates, through and because of their sons, than to the substitution of knowledge for ignorance in the college councils. Of course, in these days of alumni influence and undergraduate freedom, the feelings of a large faction of the graduates, the predilections of a large proportion of its students, are not lightly to be roughly treated by "the powers that be." And this might lead to toleration of the chapter. But toleration on the part of the authorities has long ceased to be the prominent fact in Greek history. It is the development which the chapters have already enjoyed, the future toward which they are already marching, that now excites at once the interest and respect of the barbarians, the enthusiasm and co-operation of their old members. One has not far to look for the sources of this late development. In the first place, as the graduate roll of the chapter lengthens,

the active members are more and more brought under the influence of alumni, who, at commencements and chapter reunions, are welcomed to their old chapters. As a consequence, chapter influence becomes at once more conservative and more progressive, reflecting, as in great degree it does, the opinion of college graduates who have passed through a student's experience, and have tested its results in the world outside, and are at once the most interested and most practical judges of what are the real needs and what the real aims of college culture. Far more interested is he whose sons are to be sent to college. He it is who remembers most vividly what was best in his college life, knows and fears the failings to which students are prone, is most anxious to place those whom he guides under every advantage, to protect them from every danger. It is not the least of the proofs of the influence for good which fraternities have exerted that the desire is so general on the part of Greek graduates that their sons shall have the advantages of chapter training. But, however beneficial to its members was the old chapter, he remembers that it might have been made more so; that if the boys had had more of the advice and association of elder brothers, if the chapter library had been more extended and the chapter establishment more complete, it might have done much more for them than it did; that added facilities may make it of greater advantage to his own sons; that if its influence is made stronger and purer, it will be the greater benefit to those for whom he lives. As one of its graduates, he has every facility to know its ways, to help mend or better them if need be. It is his opportunity to determine the influences which shall dominate the student life of his sons. What wonder that with such an incentive alumni zeal has been active in chapter development. And what wonder that every day increases the interest with which alumni watch and aid the progress of the fraternity that represents more and more the honor of their sons?

It is neither blind whim nor mere sentiment that has caused Greek graduates so generally to wish, each that his son may become a member of the fraternity to which he belonged. For it is his own fraternity only as to which the father can know directly what is its condition and course; it is his own fraternity whose

progress he can most easily aid, whose faults he can do most to remedy, whose course he can do most to guide, within whose chapters his sons, who have left his household, are scarcely less at home in the large household of which he and others like interested are influential members. To such causes is due the fact, not only that to-day there is no chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon to which a Delta Kappa Epsilon father may not confidently commit his sons, but that while there are Greeks *and* Greeks, there is, as we believe, not one college brotherhood whose influence is not on the whole a good one, and becoming better every year.

Another consideration suggests itself here. The *Quarterly* has never supposed itself to represent the only worthy band of Greeks. Delta Kappa Epsilon, in her most exultant moments, has never posed as the sole creditable fraternity. But it is plain that the Greek father whose son has entered a different fraternity from that of which he was himself an active member, must lack the opportunity outlined above. And a still greater loss is that of the chapter that has missed the chance to secure such a heritage of alumni interest as the initiation of the worthy son of one of her old members would place in her hands. It has been Delta Kappa Epsilon's good fortune that, in general, her experience has been such as to test and prove the advantages of a membership bound together by the ties not only of fraternity but of blood. She will have best provided for her future when every Delta Kappa Epsilon shall seek to place his son under the influences which he has helped to render beneficial; when every chapter shall consider Delta Kappa Epsilon parentage as among the strongest of claims to its consideration.

Our Sublime Fraternity.

[The Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, for June, 1885.]

The question of pre-eminence is doubtless a constant source of anxiety to a number of our older Greek contemporaries. It is one which should be settled to the satisfaction of all, and if our fraternal services can be of any assistance to any of them in reaching a happy conclusion the consciousness of our having performed a generous deed will be our ample reward.

We desire to render even justice to all and to give equal credit to the testimony of each and therefore accept the official

statements of our senior fraternities as true beyond question, liberally regarding as official whatever is published in their official organs or with their official sanction.

The rules by which we shall endeavor to ascertain the facts are these :

Rule I. "Those fraternities only which are reciprocally able to obstruct each other's progress and which mutually recognize each other's prestige are to be considered as equals."

Rule II. "A fraternity acknowledges the prestige of a rival by making a statistical comparison of the latter's achievements with its own."

We are indebted for our data to the official bi-monthly publication of our old friend, Beta Theta Pi, whose "Muse" sings a perennial pæan and never misses a note.

Commenting on an article in the Alpha Delta Phi *Star and Crescent*, entitled "College Men in Congress," that magazine says : "The *Star and Crescent's* table closes, of course, with a comparison between the records of Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon in the production of statesmen, the showing, equally, of course, being in favor of the former fraternity."

Now, without questioning the accuracy of the *Star and Crescent's* finding, and even without reference to them or to the expressed or implied opinion of our reviewer concerning them, the prime fact for us is that somewhere at some time Alpha Delta Phi has run up against Psi Upsilon, and the fact that the public comparison of her list of statesmen with that of the latter should be by her considered necessary to prevent the world from esteeming Psi Upsilon above herself is, according to rule II., an acknowledgment by Alpha Delta Phi of her rival's equal, though not necessarily justly equal, renown. But since Psi Upsilon is the only rival which, on this occasion, seems to give Alpha Delta Phi any uneasiness, according to rule I. she is to be recognized as the latter's only acknowledged peer.

The estimation, however, in which Psi Upsilon holds Alpha Delta Phi would remain unknown to us, as she has not been heard from on the subject herself, were it not for the following timely information from another source. In reviewing an article in the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, Beta says : "One thing in the October issue grieves us a good deal. Under the heading, 'Other Fraternities,' there is a single sub-caption, 'Beta Theta

Pi' and no other fraternity is mentioned in this department." That of itself is all right enough. There are similar cases on record. Phi Delta Theta has committed no crime. Suppose she does love Beta Theta Pi so ardently that she can't even see any of the rest of us, we would not if we could obliterate the image of her ideal, nor are we jealous of our old friend. And yet we must reluctantly admit with him that her conduct in this instance was very indiscreet.

He continues : "Now this is precisely the sort of a thing a Psi Upsilon editor would do (if there was such a thing in nature as a Psi Upsilon editor). He would write 'Other Fraternities,' then parenthetically and explanatorily, 'Alpha Delta Phi.'"

These two incidental sentences contain a vast amount of information. Beta Theta Pi is good enough authority for us as to what a Psi Upsilon editor would do, provided the venerable fraternity possessed such an official, for what Beta Theta Pi don't know about the idiosyncrasies of Psi Upsilon amounts to very little. But the declaration that Psi Upsilon's hypothetical list of "Other Fraternities" would contain but the one name is equivalent to saying that she recognizes only Alpha Delta Phi as her equal. Thus the reciprocal and mutual relations are shown to exist which make these two the peers of each other to the exclusion of all others. Granting this, it is nevertheless true that two fraternities may be co-ordinate and their affinities for each other mutually irresistible. They may even be counterparts of each other, as it were, and still their joint position in the Greek scale may be left to conjecture.

The rank of these two, however, is settled by the testimony of Delta Kappa Epsilon, who (changing our figure of speech) now enters in haste, slams the door behind her and locks it. In her October *Quarterly* she is alleged to have said : "Nor is it hard to discern what gave Alpha Delta Phi her early prestige ; what made Psi Upsilon her rival in the east after 1845 ; what gave Delta Kappa Epsilon her later leadership ; what caused these three to be ranked in a class by themselves as the leading Greek brotherhoods." Though she is present on her own invitation and the evidence does not show that Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon ever received her into their confidence, yet we do know that whenever

"these three" are grouped "by themselves" they constitute "a class" hailed and known as "The Leading Greek Brotherhoods."

How anybody else could get into the charmed circle is a problem. The company is already too large for the enjoyment of the original pair. Delta Kappa Epsilon has the front door key in her pocket. But lo! a fourth personage is there for a fact and we behold with pride the familiar countenance of our old friend, who, to relieve the embarrassment, explains the situation thus: "There is no fear of our being too limited, and it is possible to be national and conservative at the same time, while it will be impossible for us to lower our standard and enter such institutions as we have just refused without stepping down from the first rank, which we now hold with Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Alpha Delta Phi."

His ignorance of the fitness of things is betrayed by his putting Delta Kappa Epsilon in the middle. However, the status of the entire four is now permanently fixed, for no Greek organization of any standing whatever would presume to gainsay the statements made, or question the principles accepted as correct by all or either of them.

As a precedent now established it will be observed that any fraternity may decide its own relative rank by simply declaring it. All that remains for us to do, then, is to issue our pronunciamiento. Delicacy prevents us from assuming any place claimed by another. Hence we will modestly officiate as apex, mount this partially constructed pyramid, sit down and take a rest, to-wit: Our sublime fraternity; The most illustrious fraternities; "The leading Greek brotherhoods"; "The first rank fraternities."

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$A \Delta \Phi, \Psi \Upsilon, \Delta K E, B \Theta \Pi$.

We have built from the top downwards because the foundation stratum of our pyramid not being known it was "impossible for us" to begin on the ground and work up. Let the good work go on. Who will add the next lower layer by saying. "Behold our quintuple galaxy! Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, and myself possess all that is really patrician in the Greek brotherhoods"?

EDITORIAL.

THE injudicious reader who may journey through this number of the BETA THETA even to the last word of the last page—but, alas! there is no one so injudicious—will unhesitatingly say to himself, or to some other Greek or barbarian, “This magazine must have a very incompetent editor.” Worse than that, our sagacious friend. Worse than that. It has no editor at all.

WE FIND in our friend the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, for June, a contribution tacking some statistics recently published, as is charged, by a member of our Vanderbilt chapter. It seems that our Vanderbilt brother, brimming over with enthusiasm at the very flattering success of our brethren in the Vanderbilt University examinations of 1884–85, sent to one of the Nashville newspapers an article giving the statistics of our scholarship, and claiming superiority over our rivals in the university. The *Scroll* contributor does not like those figures at all; and, while he does not question the accuracy of the statistics given, he contends that if other items of scholarship were taken into the account, then the figures would show Phi Delta Theta, and not our own beloved Beta Theta Pi, ahead in scholarship. So the whole matter resolves itself into a comparison of the merits of founder’s medals, distinguished proficiencies, college honor certificates, university honor certificates, public lecturerships, editorships, and the numerous other distinctions which are so fully described in the catalogues of Vanderbilt and of other southern colleges. Let no northern student smile as he glances through one of those catalogues and sees the portentous list of honors. There are such honors known in the North, and even more curious distinctions—such as wooden spoons, stroke oars, and the like—as one can readily learn by looking at any autumn number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*; and, strangely enough, the northern distinctions are invariably taken by Delta Kappa Epsilons. The Vanderbilt system differs from that of northern colleges in that the Vanderbilt honors are all literary—very literary indeed; and also in that they really seem to be divided with reasonable fairness among the various fraternities. Yet, though the honors are all literary, they are of such diverse kinds that they are not commensurable, so to speak, and therefore the fraternity that is blessed with one kind of honor and not with another can publish its own kind of distinction, ignore all other kinds, and proclaim that it is ahead. What a field for manipulation of figures! What an opening for the thimble-rig mathematicians of Delta Kappa Epsilon! One would expect the *Quarterly* to insist upon having a chapter at Vanderbilt.

AS FOR us, we do not profess to understand the relative value of medals, proficiencies, and the like; and, after reading the figures given by the various fraternities at Vanderbilt—for there are at least five chapters, and each has its own system of arithmetic—we have no notion what fraternity is ahead in scholarship. Nor do we care. Not that we are enemies of learning. No, we think highly of every branch of knowledge, as do all learned men, except the *Scroll* contributor, whose hostility—causeless, we trust—to grammar and rhetoric is manifested with most painstaking care throughout the whole of his contribution. (Pardon the ancient jest.) We repeat that we feel very kindly towards every branch of learning; but, for all that, we do not much care whether our members at Vanderbilt are at the very top in

scholarship. We are not a branch of Phi Beta Kappa. Scholarship is all very well in its way. So, too, the athletic and miscellaneous distinctions that at campaigning season promptly re-appear in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* are well worth having. Yet these literary and athletic honors, and what not, form only a part, a very small part, of what a judicious fraternity worker has to say of a chapter.

THE *Scroll* contributor, to whom we have introduced our readers, might well have objected that our brother showed bad taste in sending to a public—or, so to speak, a secular—newspaper an article on fraternity subjects. There are fraternity organs for just such matter; and we suspect that a fraternity organ is the only proper place for a comparison of fraternities. We are of the impression that in general society, and even in general newspapers, it is considered bad form to vaunt oneself; but in a fraternity organ boasting is quite the order of the day. Yet all this is, to be sure, merely a question of taste, and could not be expected to occur to the *Scroll* contributor.

BY THE way, friends and foes alike, is it quite the thing, in these days of pan-hellenics, to misrepresent one another's standing? In matters of opinion boasting and even misrepresentation must be expected up to the evening of the day before the millenium; but in mere statistics truth can be demanded even in these days of sin. To do all parties justice, we believe that the statistics given are invariably true—as far as they go. In comparisons, however, there is seldom more than a mere pretense of fairness. One's own best foot looks so much better than that horrid person's worst foot, and one's own worst foot is, besides, a matter of so little consequence, you know, that it is natural to make mistakes. Yet it would be creditable, we think, either to make no comparisons at all or to make them fairly. Above all, it is cowardly to thrust upon an innocent compositor the task of misrepresenting an opponent. Yet this is done now and then. We have in mind, and under our eye at this moment, an article that, though professing to give comparisons justly (in answer to some alleged misrepresentation), prints the statistics of the various fraternities with all of the dishonest skill of which types are capable, attempting—and with some success—to give to its own fraternity and to some others an apparent superiority over a strong opponent. The facts are there, doubtless; but the intent to deceive is there, too. That is not good Greek. How that man would like to tell a lie.

WE ARE not responsible for what our contributors write. It is quite enough, alas! to be responsible for what we write ourselves. We always regret to see in our respected contemporaries that "the BETA THETA PI, in its usual braggart tone," or words to that effect, says so and so; the fact being that the objectionable words occurred in one of our chapter letters. We do our best to make the chapter letters models well worthy of being followed by our contemporaries; but up to the present time we have not succeeded in making all of our corresponding secretaries quite as pan-hellenic as we ourselves notoriously are.

WE ARE given to understand that there is now a periodical called the *Diamond*, professing to be an official organ of Psi Upsilon; and, from extracts contained in our exchanges, it seems that the *Diamond* vents most of its ill-nature upon Beta Theta Pi. That was the course, we remember, of the *Diamond* of former times; and a rather famous article in the BETA THETA PI caused that *Diamond* to disappear. The new *Diamond* does not exchange with us. Now, doubtless, the reader

who does not know our modesty thinks we are hinting that a BETA THETA PI on the *Diamond's* table would be a sort of death's head, whispering *memento mori* (doubtless with a Greek accent), and, naturally enough, shocking the nerves of polished gentlemen. We intended to hint nothing of the kind. The reason the *Diamond* does not exchange with us is simply that it does not want to.

AT SUCH an early date as this it is impossible to lay before our readers the table of contents of the BETA THETA PI for 1885-86. We can say something, however. In the next issue we expect to have an article on the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Club-house at Wooglin, on Chautauqua lake, giving an account of the very successful summer just ended. Before the academic year is finished we expect to publish in the magazine a supplement to the catalogue of 1881, giving a list, chapter by chapter, of all members admitted since September 1, 1881, with geographical and alphabetical indexes. As there are about twelve hundred new members, the supplement will probably fill two whole numbers of the magazine.

OPEN LETTER.

Uniformity in Circular Letters.

The general style and appearance of reports and documents betoken, to a certain degree, the character of a corporation. Uniformity and symmetry at once give the impression of perfect and successful management. In these essentials our semi-annuals are conspicuously lacking. Printed on forty-five varieties of paper, of as many different shapes and sizes, they suggest, when collected, a wholesale dealer's samples of catalogues, or of concert programmes. Some of the reports are intended, no doubt, to represent the artistic abilities of local printers, and are unique. Bound together they are neither pleasing to the eye nor acceptable to the librarian.

As documents of the fraternity they should be preserved and kept on file, not only for their historical significance, as indicating the growth and devel-

opment of the chapters, but also for occasional reference.

The advantage of uniformity in paper and dimensions is two-fold—First: The possibility of their being bound in respectable shape, and thus fulfilling their function as documents of reference and of historical value. Secondly: Such a system would check any tendency of more wealthy chapters towards outdoing their sisters of less favored circumstances, and would also raise the standard of some of the poorer semi-annuals. In short, uniformity of circular letters is required by the business-like methods of the fraternity, and by the desire, common to us all, of maintaining in all respects the equality of our chapters.

Let the chapters consider the matter, and be ready to act upon it before the next issue of circulars.

Herbert C. Brown,
Librarian of the Beloit chapter.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Rutgers.

With the departure of the class of '85 our chapter loses four men—brothers Barnes, Ruf, Harrison, and Payne; but we are happy to be able to report another addition to our numbers, which will make us better able to stand the loss. On May 21st we initiated Mr. Richard J. Gersinger, '88. We have not pledged any one from '89 as yet, but hope to be successful in securing one or two good men from that class before commencement. Without counting any of our chickens before they are hatched, we shall commence next year with eight men—one in '86, one in '87, and six in '88. As will be seen, our weak point will be the lack of upper-classmen. Much of the work which naturally falls to them will have to be done by the members from '88; and we shall, probably, have to be satisfied with less than our share of those college honors which are within the gift of the students and belong especially to upper-classmen. From present prospects it is expected that the freshman class for next year will be larger than for several years past, and we see no reason why the coming year should not be even more prosperous for us than the present one has been.

Brothers Ruf, Barnes, and Payne have all been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and Barnes took "Suydam Prize for Natural Science." On class day we shall be well represented. Ruf is class poet; Barnes has the "Address to the President;" and Payne the "planting of the Ivy." The class of '82 have finally decided upon a "master orator" by the unanimous election of brother Rynier J. Wortendyke. We hope that all our alumni who are in town during commencement week will be with us on the evening of June 16th, at which time we expect to hold our annual banquet.

E. M. Alden, Cor. Sec.

May 30, 1885.

Amherst.

This letter being written so near the date of the semi-annual, I will confine myself to college news alone. Amherst has had a very successful year, on the whole: the present freshman class is much larger than usual, and the college has also

been the financial gainer by several deaths in the ranks of its wealthy alumni. Our commencement exercises occur July 1st. Senior vacation commences two weeks from to-day, and then, when the juniors assume the senior seats in chapel, almost the last tie will be served that binds '85 to her *alma mater*. Two of our seniors have stolen a march on time by leaving before the inevitable first of July; Phelps, who is filling out the last half of the term as assistant in the Holyoke high school, and Woodin, who has taken a position as foreman in one of the departments of the Cleveland Rubber Co., Cleveland, O.

We lose eight men by graduation this year, and that makes a pretty large hole in a total of twenty-seven; but we expect to fill up from the incoming class. The programme for commencement week is as follows: The usual baccalaureate sermon will be given Sunday, June 28th, Monday afternoon will come Hyde oratorical contest, and in the evening the Kellogg prize speaking, the former a senior exhibition and the latter by sophomores and freshmen. Tuesday is class day. The exercises begin at 8:30, A. M., with a gymnastic drill by the sophomore class, followed by a sacred concert in the church. The class exercises proper are the "Ivy planting" with oration and poem, at 10:30, and class and grove exercises in the afternoon. Beta Theta Pi is represented by Tower, who fills the place of senior funnyman, and is expected to lighten the grief of parting by his grove oration. In the evening is the class-day concert. Wednesday is the great day when the good boy receives his "*magna cum laude*," and the student who has enjoyed life thinks himself lucky if he gets a "*rite*."

The first eight of the class will deliver their ideas and theories before the usual large audience of venerable alumni, ancient maidens, and family friends, and then the diplomas will be distributed and the members of '85 will go forth changed into new beings—alumni; the first practical good of which will be a free ticket to the alumni dinner. The president's reception and the senior promenade will be held Wednesday evening, these being the last events of commencement week.

I think I have already exceeded the

space allowed me, so I will close, referring our readers to the semi-annual for more particular news of Beta Iota chapter.

S. S. Parks, Cor. Sec.

June 3, 1885.

Denison.

With the consent of the college secretary, the initiation of our senior preps took place May 1st and 2d, in order that they might attend the state reunion. The initiates were Gorman Jones, Will. H. Davies, and Will. E. Castle. Brother Stasel, of Newark, was present at the initiation of May 2d and partook of the *dopy*. Brother Castle is the last of four brothers who have entered Betadom through Alpha Eta's portals. Field-day will be observed this year as usual. Brother Sprague is president of the association. Our number of athletes is considerably diminished, but we will be represented by several contestants.

Our prospects for next year are bright. We shall have eleven men at the outset, a larger number than assembled in our hall at the commencement of the present year. We shall have two seniors, something that has not been our fortune since '82. Brother Sprague is the president of the Reading Room and Lecture Association, and also our representative for the oratorical contest. Brother Owen is a member of the board of editors of the *Collegian* for next year. We shall be equal in numbers with our rivals, Sigma Chi and Phi Gamma Delta, the latter of which has entered the university this year and has given fraternity life at D. U. a new phase.

We feel like congratulating ourselves on the possession of such an authentic and satisfactory history as brother Shepardson has furnished us. In some respects our work this year has not been as satisfactory as that of previous years, and this for various reasons. But we are encouraged by our prospects for next year and hope to maintain our old standard.

Will. B. Owen, Cor. Sec.

June 5, 1885.

Madison.

The close of the year finds our chapter in good condition and with excellent prospects for the future. We have held our own during the year in all departments of college life; and, in proportion to our

numbers, have taken more honors than any of our rivals. In the senior class brother Douglass, our only representative, is valedictorian. The D. U.'s, contrary to the opinion expressed in our last semi-annual, and to the surprise of many, have second and third honors. The Dekes, who have ten men in the class, will get all the rest of the Phi Beta Kappa men. Besides our success in the competition for places on the *Madisonensis* corps, which was reported in our last letter, we have also taken first junior and first sophomore prizes in essay. This gives us, in distinctively literary honors, the undoubted pre-eminence. The Dekes take the lead in Greek, and the D. U.'s in mathematics. The Dekes also secured second prizes in junior and sophomore essays, and third in mathematics. They will, in all probability, take the Lewis commencement prize in oratory. The only contest entered by any of our men in which we were not first is Greek. We have taken no second prizes. Only one of our men was entered in each contest; and we were first in every instance except the one mentioned above. Either of the other fraternity chapters will probably surpass us in absolute number of prizes taken or in the amount of money netted. But when the size of our chapter, and the fact that all our prizes were first, are considered, we shall not be a whit behind the best. Then, too, the valedictory, which is the highest honor, counts nothing in money value. I mention these facts because the Dekes, in their chapter letters, use the money basis of comparison, which is obviously unfair. Besides the honors mentioned, we have one man appointed on the Kingsford prizes contest in declamation. This occurs commencement week, and the result can not, of course, be predicted.

The college was never in better condition, and our prospects are bright. We shall have a tough fight, however, against superior forces, and we are going into next fall's campaign prepared for hard work. We expect to win.

W. H. Crawshaw, Cor. Sec.

June 5, 1885.

University of California.

The usual excitement of commencement week has passed away, and with a brief flourish the "class of '85" has ended its active existence. Berkeley has relapsed into its wonted quiet, and the short

cycle of the college year begins anew. The class-day exercises, held in our large gymnasium building, on Tuesday of last week, attracted upwards of 800 people to our town. The morning part of the programme consisted of introductory remarks by the president of the day, two orations, an essay, and a class poem. It has been customary here, in years past, to have, in addition, an "Orator at the Tree," but the observance has fallen into disuse. Upon the conclusion of these exercises each of the fraternities invited its friends to a lunch, which it is here customary to prepare. We Betas entertained some seventy-five of our guests at the residence of one of our kindest friends. In the afternoon the senior class assembled upon the platform, while the historian and prophet humorously pictured the past and future of its individual members. This feature of class-day is its most enjoyable one. The "dispensation" was omitted, for the first time in a number of years. At the conclusion of the exercises the floor was cleared, and a social dance engaged the remainder of the afternoon. Commencement followed on the next day. From the student's point of view, class-day is the more attractive of the two occasions, particularly because it is a student's day. The commencement speakers are always selected by the faculty from the highest third of the class, but they are not, as in some other colleges, designated valedictorian or salutatorian; those distinctions we do not have. The addresses by the three representatives were all creditable. The remarks to the class by Rev. Dr. McKenzie met with highest commendation from all who heard them. After the presentation of commissions to the officers of the battalion by the adjutant general, President Reid conferred their appropriate degrees upon thirty-one members of the class. A meeting of the university alumni gathered, as usual, in the afternoon. Visitors strolled about the grounds all day long; but when night had come they were gone; the weary graduate, too, had clutched his hand-bag and faced towards home, and the dusty streets of Berkeley were still.

C. A. Ramm, Cor. Sec.

June 2, 1885.

Western Reserve.

Another year of college and fraternity work has almost passed, and it is fitting to take a short review of what has been

done. The present year has been one of peculiar importance to our chapter, and will be looked back upon as an eventful one in her history. Starting out last fall with six men, we have now, after losing three members (two by expulsion) and one pledged man (by death), a membership of eleven. In the way of honors and college offices we have had our full share. The only honors given here at Adelbert are the three at junior examination and at commencement, so that the number of honors taken must necessarily be small. We have the president and vice-president of the freshman class, secretary of the sophomore, orator of the junior, and vice-president and orator of the senior class; and, besides, we have two men on the ball nine. Brother Thomas was appointed orator for Washington's birthday, on the occasion of the reception given by the senior class. Brother Lees had the Greek oration (first honor) at junior examination, last April.

Since our late "unpleasantness" we can say that our chapter has been more harmonious than ever before during the present year, and, we trust, will continue so. We have two men pledged for '89 and our prospects for other additions are good. We shall have nine men with whom to start out on the campaign next fall, and in this respect we shall be in as good condition as our rivals. The Alphas will have about nine men, the Dekes only six, and the Delta Taus five. We have killed, during the year, several moderate sized *Loops*, and, together with several of our city alumni, have passed very enjoyable evenings. The latest bit of fraternity gossip here is the peculiar situation in which one of the Alpha Deltas found himself. It was discovered that he had been engaged in the enjoyable occupation of "stacking" a classmate's room; thereupon the class took up the matter, and the young man was compelled to resign from his class.

Commencement occurs on Wednesday, the 24th of June, and a large gathering of the alumni is expected. It is our intention to give, in connection with the Cleveland Alumni chapter, our annual re-union and banquet on Tuesday evening, the 23d of June. We shall be glad to see all old members of the chapter and all other Betas who may be within reach.

Geo. M. Fletcher, Cor. Sec.

June 2, 1885.

THE BETAS.

University of Michigan.

'82. JUNIUS E. BEAL owns one of the finest cottage lots at Wooglin.

Harvard.

'82. CHAMBERS BAIRD, Jr., now of Denver, Col., is visiting his old home, Ripley, O.

Wabash.

'78. REV. HOWARD BILLMAN is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Clifton, one of the suburbs of Cincinnati.

Wooster.

'78. R. C. RANKIN, now located at Cleveland, O., was a delegate to the recent Foresters' convention, at Detroit.

Stevens.

'81. FRANK LEDERLE, now at Atlanta, Ga., recently visited his old home at Detroit, accompanied by his wife and two little daughters.

Ohio University.

'54. EDWARD W. MULLIKIN, valedictorian of 1854, now lives in Cincinnati.

'61. CHARLES W. HOTSENPILLER, captain on the retired list of the United States army, is one of the members of the Wooglin Club.

Centre.

REV. ORMOND BEATTY, LL. D., president of the college, was at Wooglin this summer with his family. In connection with S. G. BOYLE, '80, and BOYLE G. BOYLE, '84, he owns a very pretty cottage—the first one built on the grounds of the club.

De Pauw.

REV. I. W. JOYCE, D. D., remains at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, for the ensuing ecclesiastical year.

FRANK T. LODGE has recently formed a partnership in the practice of law, at Detroit, with Geo. H. Paine, of that city.

Western Reserve.

'44. HON. GEO. HOADLY, Governor of Ohio, belongs to the Wooglin Club, but the demands of politics kept him away from the club-house this season.

'60. HON. A. T. BRINSMADE spent part of the summer with his family at the Wooglin club-house. He has recently been elected city solicitor of Cleveland, O.

Indiana University.

HON. RUFUS MAGEE, the newly appointed Minister to Sweden and Norway, has spent much of his time in editorial work, having been connected, at different times, with the *Indianapolis Herald* (1865-6), *Indianapolis Sentinel* (1866-7), and the *Logansport Pharos* (1869-76). A few years since he was elected state senator, and, having been faithful to the interests of democracy, he has received recognition at the

hands of the President. He was classed with 1864 at Bloomington, but, for some reason, did not graduate.

HON. JOSEPH E. McDONALD, LL. D., does not deny that he is again on the track for senatorial honors. He has been a prominent man in his party and surely deserves the place held by Harrison. Should he succeed our old phrase, "McDonald and Voorhees, of Indiana," will again be common.

Miami.

'55. GEN. GATES P. THRUSTON, of Nashville, Tenn., contributed a fine article to the *May Magazine of American History*. Brother Thruston always was a student, being the valedictorian of 1855. He is the corresponding secretary of the Tennessee Historical Society and a member of several archaeological societies, and, consequently, may be considered good authority on historical questions.

GEN. DURBIN WARD delivered the memorial oration at Lebanon, O., May 30th. No one is better able to speak of the heroic deeds of "the soldier dead" than their brave old general.

Washington and Jefferson.

'43. COL. ABRAM W. HENDRICKS, of Indianapolis, one of the earliest members of the old Jefferson chapter, was at the Wooglin club-house for several weeks, with his wife and daughter. He will be there again next year.

'43. The death of HON. RICHARD T. MERRICK, of Washington, D. C., one of the foremost members of the American bar, is mourned by every member of the old Jefferson chapter.

'56. GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER, of Bellefonte, Pa., was one of the visitors at the Wooglin club-house.

'72. The pictorial newspapers have been making the public familiar with the features of JOHN M. BIRCH, the recently appointed consul to Nagasaki.

Ohio Wesleyan.

'68. D. J. SNYDER, who has been principal of the academy at Reynoldsburg, O., ever since 1869, has resigned his position.

'75. REV. F. W. GUNSAULUS, recently at Newtonville, Mass., has accepted a call to the pulpit of the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.

'79. WILLIS O. ROBB, formerly editor of the BETA THETA PI, and, until recently, acting Superintendent of the Insurance Adjustment Company of Cincinnati, is now adjuster for the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, with headquarters, for the present, in Cincinnati.

'80. CLARENCE T. BROWN, formerly assistant principal of the Marionville (Mo.) Academy, has been spending the past year at his home in Chesterville, O., regaining his health, and doing private reading. He is now a student in the theological seminary of Yale College.

'81. JAMES M. JONES was married to Miss Daisy Paul, of Delaware, O., in March of this

year, and is now living the life of domestic tranquility, which should be the goal of every young bachelor's desire, in that delightful stronghold of Betas and Beta girls. He is in the First National Bank—in it pretty extensively, too.

At the meeting of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, September 9th, members of Theta were assigned appointments for the ensuing year, as follows: REV. E. T. LANE, '77, Pleasant Ridge, O.; REV. D. W. CLARK, '71, Trinity Church, Xenia, O.; REV. J. R. SHANNON, '78, Hartwell, O.; REV. JOHN J. MCCABE, '78, Tippecanoe City, O.; REV. E. T. WELLS, '64, Grace Church, Urbana, O.

University of Wisconsin.

'80. H. B. FAVILL was married, June 17th, to Miss Susie Pratt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., sister of Mrs. Prof. Owen. Dr. Favill will make his home in Madison, where he is enjoying a large and increasing medical practice.

'80. DON T. FARGO is engaged in the manufacturing of butter color in Lake Mills, Wis.

'80. HENRY D. GOODWIN has recently been appointed teacher of Greek in the Milwaukee high school.

'80. DR. GEORGE HOSTETTER is practicing medicine at Lyons, Ia.

'81. THOS. W. PARR has opened a drug store at Huron, Wis.

'81. JOSHUA N. SANBORN, until recently at Marshall, Tex., has removed to St. Louis. He is to be found at room 15, corner Sixth and Locust streets. Mr. Sanborn, we understand, continues his connection with the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

'82. KEMPER K. KNAPP is practicing law at 48 Portland block, Chicago.

'82. GILBERT E. PORTER suspends his professional shingle at 212 First National Bank Block, Chicago.

'83. H. P. STODDART has been instructor in mathematics at the Whitewater normal school since February.

Brown.

'79. C. H. J. DOUGLAS, instructor of English and elocution in the University of Wisconsin, was managing editor of the *Fortnightly Index* up to the date when that journal was consolidated with the *Educational News*, under the name of *The University*, and he now occupies the same position upon this latter publication, which is winning a high place in the esteem of scholars and scholarly men all over the country. The special field of *The University* is thus defined in an editorial in its issue for May 2d, that being the date of its first appearance under the new name: "The two journals with which a constituency of between five and six thousand readers have become familiar as the *Fortnightly Index* and the *Educational News* to-day reach them consolidated in *The University*, a change for which they are not unprepared from previous announcements. *The University* will occupy a field somewhat larger than either of its predecessors, and one not now filled by an American periodical. Its scope is indicated by the paragraph that will appear hereafter at the head of the editorial column: 'While the paper has no official connection with any institution of learning, it is under the editorial control of university

professors, and aims to reflect the maturest thought of American scholars upon the vital issues of the day. In the true university spirit, its columns are open to the earnest discussion of questions uppermost in the minds of thoughtful men and women, in politics, religion, education, science, literature and art in all their various bearings. Among English periodicals *The Academy* and *The Athenaeum*, and among American, *The Nation* and *The Independent* may be said to approach the nearest to occupying this field. But *The Academy* and *The Athenaeum* do not discuss political questions; *The Nation* is almost exclusively political, and *The Independent* is distinctively theological. Up to the time when the *Index* entered the field there was no journal printed in English devoted to the discussion of the issues of the day from the distinctive standpoint of the scholar. With a name indicative of its field as an independent journal of liberal education, *The University* will endeavor to carry on the work of the *Index* in a catholic and scholarly spirit."

Denison.

'79. Rumor says that O. C. HOOPER will, before very long, be made editor-in-chief of the *Columbus Evening Dispatch*.

'81. CHARLES H. CAREY, of Portland, Oregon, has formed a partnership with a gentleman named Tanner—not the celebrated faster, however.

'81. JUD. L. PHILIPS is a lawyer in Alliance, O.

'81. Married, June 24th, 1885, at 7.30 P. M., at the residence of the bride's parents, in Urbana, O., W. C. SPRAGUE and Miss Carrie Ellis. Betas present: J. J. Robinson, C. L. Eberlein, and C. S. Sprague, all of Alpha Eta. Brother J. J. Robinson came all the way from Deer Lodge, M. T., to play the wedding march. Ushers: groom's brother, C. S. Sprague, Alpha Eta, '86, and Howard C. Carey, brother of Chas. H. Carey, Alpha Eta, '81. After ceremony, supper. A large Beta Theta Pi pin of pink and blue flowers stood in the middle of the bridal table, and at each place an elegant boutonniere tied with the fraternity colors. On June 27th Mr. and Mrs. Sprague held a reception at the residence of the groom's father, in McConnellsville, O., assisted by brother Frank W. Shepardson, Alpha Eta, '82, and Miss Sophia Ellis, sister of the bride. At home to Betas and other friends hereafter at 88 Lafayette avenue, Detroit. The bride and her sister, Miss Sophia Ellis, are especial favorites with Alpha Eta boys—who on many occasions have accepted the genial hospitality of their home in Urbana.

'84. FRANCIS MARION STALKER, was married, Thursday, September 3d, 1885, to Miss Minnie Mitchell, of Bedford, Ind.

'84. JAMES J. ROBINSON spent his summer vacation at home, in Granville. He will teach again in the College of Montana, at Deer Lodge City.

'85. WILL. C. SHEPPARD is principal of the public schools in Johnstown, O.

'85. WILLARD C. RANK is principal of schools in Chesterville, Morrow County, O.

'86. D. W. BROWNELL is in St. Paul, Minn.

'86. HENRY M. CARTER, familiarly called "Bub," is going to attend the Massachusetts In-

stitute of Technology. During the greater part of last year he was assistant in chemistry in college; and he will devote his time to special studies in that line.

'86. WALTER L. HERVEY is a senior at Princeton College. He will take high rank.

'88. W. C. SHAFER is engaged in the photograph business at Independence, W. Va.

'88. HOWARD COPELAND has gone to Montana, where he will attend college with his cousin, J. J. Robinson.

'89. D. WILBUR BROWNELL is assistant editor of the *McConnellsville Herald*.

'89. EVAN J. EVANS is the name of Denison's "babe." He is a Welshman and, of course, "good stuff."

COLLEGE NOTES.

The following is a complete schedule of the opening of the fall term in the different colleges and universities in which Beta Theta Pi is represented:

Harvard University, October 1st.
Brown University, September 16th.
Boston University, October 1st.
Maine State College, August 4th.
Amherst College, September 10th.
Union College, September 17th.
Stevens Institute, September 23d.
Columbia College, October 5th.
Rutgers College, September 16th, 17th.
Cornell University, September 16th.
St. Lawrence University, August 26th.
Madison University, September 10th.
Washington and Jefferson College, September 16th.
University of Pennsylvania, September 14th.
Dickinson College, September 10th.
Johns Hopkins University, October 1st.
Hampden-Sidney College, September 3d.
Randolph-Macon College, September 17th.
University of Virginia, October 1st.
Bethany College, September 27th.
Richmond College, September 23th.
Centre College, September 2d.
Cumberland University, September 7th.

University of Mississippi, September 24th.
Vanderbilt University, September 16th.
Western Reserve University (Adelbert College), September 10th.
Ohio Wesleyan University, September 16th.
Wittenberg College, September 4th.
Denison University, September 11th.
University of Wooster, September 16th.
Kenyon College, September 9th.
Ohio University, September 8th.
DePauw University, September 16th.
Hanover College, September 9th.
University of Michigan, literary department, September 30th; prof. schools, October 1st.
Indiana University, September 3d.
Wabash College, September 9th.
Northwestern University, September 16th.
Beloit College, September 2d.
Iowa State University, September 9th.
Iowa Wesleyan University, September 9th.
University of Wisconsin, September 9th.
University of California, September 16th.
Westminster College, September 2d.
University of Kansas, September 9th.
University of Texas, September 9th.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

Theta Delta Chi has entered Amherst.

Chi Psi has revived its Cornell chapter.

Phi Delta Theta has not entered Williams.

Psi Upsilon has completed a chapter-house at Trinity.

Zeta Psi has re-established its chapter at the University of North Carolina.

No one seems to know whether Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow have united.

A fraternity called Phi Kappa is reported to exist at Mercer University.

The Sigma Chi chapter at Iowa University resigned its charter, but has now asked it back.

The fraternities of Hanover College had a pan-hellenic banquet on June 12th. Many alumni were present.

Two southern fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, now have chapters in Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.

Wittenberg College now holds Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, and a certain "Independent Society." The first two chapters are almost twenty years old, and the others are extremely young—founded within a year or two.

The Rainbow, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Kappa Sigma are found in the University of Texas.

Phi Delta Theta is making a specialty of being a southern fraternity. It now has fifty-six active chapters, twenty-two of them in the south.

Zeta Psi has entered the Case Scientific School, of Cleveland, O. This school is in no way connected with Western Reserve, although its buildings are near those of Adelbert College.

Alpha Delta Phi held its convention at Ann Arbor on May 12th. The Michigan University chapters of Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon sent flowers to grace the reception in the Alpha Delta Phi house.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* says the Phi Chi Delta and Xi Nu have entered the University of Georgia. Are these misprints; or are these the names of new but powerful orders that are to drive the rest of us to the wall?

The *Palm* denies that Alpha Tau Omega has attempted to enter Denison University. It reports that the fraternity has new chapters at Simpson Centenary College, the Southern University of Alabama, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There are now twenty-six active chapters.

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Shedd, Madison, Wis.

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THE SUMMER AT WOGLIN.

It may seem rather late in the year to be writing of the summer that the Betas, with their families and friends, spent at Wooglin. Yet every member of the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Club believes that our club-house is a subject that is always in order; and the same is true, or ought to be true, of every member of the fraternity, for I suppose that almost every one expects to join the club. It is a fact, unfortunately, that very few of the readers of this article will become members, for the membership is necessarily limited and the limit is almost reached; but, nevertheless, I venture to lay before the whole fraternity, before our present and future members, and also before those who will come too late, a short account of the season of 1885.

The club-house opened about the beginning of July and it closed about the middle of September. The members and their guests were constantly coming and going, so that the family circle was not the same for more than a very few days at a time. The total attendance was about one hundred and twenty; and the largest attendance at any one time was about fifty. The usual length of one's stay was two or three weeks. I think no one staid for a shorter time than a week. It may as well be said right here (for the information may be useful to our visitors of 1886) that every one stays longer than he expects. Although the circulars that have been sent around from time to time describe the club very fully—so fully, indeed, that certainly every one ought to know that the club-house is an extremely pleasant place—nevertheless, every one finds his first visit a surprise. Judge Cleveland, of Cleveland, one of the early members of the Western Reserve chapter, says that the circulars do not do the club-house justice; and he is right.

The accommodations in the house were

much better than in 1884; for 1884 was very far from being a fair specimen of what the club intended to be. In 1884 the house, though all under roof, was far from completion. Consequently, the visitors were subjected to some discomforts. They enjoyed themselves, to be sure; and it is one of the best recommendations of the club that almost every one of the visitors of 1884, which could hardly be called even a trial season, returned in 1885. They were pleased in 1884, and they were much more pleased in 1885; for, although the house is not yet wholly finished, the two lower floors are very nearly in their final shape, and consequently, every one had a well finished and well furnished room. As to the fare, which certainly is an important matter, it is enough to say that it was even better in 1885 than in 1884. In short, the season of 1885 was really the club's first season, and, although there will be growth in many directions, it was a fair sample of future seasons. Even in the direction in which most change may be expected hereafter, namely, in the building of cottages, the season lately closed gave an indication of the kind of improvement which will by and by beautify a considerable part of our nineteen acres. On the lot near the dock and next south of the road to the club-house an extremely pretty cottage of six or seven rooms was built by two members of the Centre chapter, S. G. Boyle, of Danville, and Dr. Ormond Beatty, President of Centre College. There is no prettier or more convenient cottage on the lake. It gives good ideas to prospective builders, and in many points will probably be followed in the cottages that will be put up hereafter, although there will, of course, be nothing at all like uniformity, for every one will try to build something unique. It seems probable, by the way, that most of the cottages will have only three or four

rooms; for as cottagers have their meals in the club-house and also find the club-house the place for music, dancing, and most of the other pleasures of society, a cottage needs no kitchen or dining room, but answers all purposes if it contains a reception room of moderate size and the necessary number of bed-rooms. There are already several cottages projected for 1886. As the circulars have announced, almost all of the cottage lots are already sold. When I last heard a statement of the affairs of the club, twenty-seven lots had been sold and there were only seven to be disposed of. I understand that two or three have been sold since I heard the formal statement. At any rate, the ones that are not taken will be sold very soon. There is a great demand for lots. It is to be regretted that more lots cannot be laid out; yet it is impossible to lay out any more without crowding the grounds or spoiling the views from the club-house. Before and behind each row of lots the landscape gardener has left spacious vacant places, for park or common; and he has been careful to preserve all the best views. It will be impossible to have more lots until we buy more ground; and we cannot think of making further purchases now, for we must first fully improve the grounds that we have; and, besides, our improvements have raised the value of neighboring property so much that we cannot buy the adjoining tract for less than three or four times the sum that we paid for the land we have. Accordingly, for the present Wooglin will have to grow wholly by the improving of the property already owned by the club. It is probable, also, that the grounds we now have are large enough for our purpose. Thirty-four cottages and the club-house will accommodate all of our present members; and I think no one will favor increasing our membership beyond the limit originally fixed, for one of the chief purposes of the club is to secure privacy. For a time, at least, the tendency will be towards restricting the membership even more than the existing rules require; for, as the club-house contains only fifty-three bed-rooms and as we now have more than a hundred members, until the cottages become rather more numerous we may sometimes find it difficult to furnish accommodations for all the members that we already have.

I find that I have been led far away

from my subject, and that, instead of writing about the season of 1885, I have been discussing what is likely to happen in the future. So it is with every one who goes to the club. One becomes infatuated with the situation, with the house, and with the theory of the club, so that, however old and prosy he may be, he finds himself dreaming of the club's future.

In 1884, especially during the convention, there were a great many young men at Wooglin. In 1885 there was a change in this respect. The older members of the fraternity predominated. We had with us John Reily Knox, the founder of the fraternity, Judge Cleveland, a founder of the Western Reserve chapter; Col. Abram W. Hendricks, a founder of the Washington and Jefferson chapter; Judge Beckwith, a founder of the University of Michigan chapter, and others of their time. We had also many of the younger alumni—Seaman, Terrell, and others. All of the alumni members brought their families with them, and many of them brought guests. From the very beginning Wooglin is to be known as a resort for families. We certainly expect to have more young men than are found at ordinary resorts; but even our undergraduate visitors will commonly bring with them some members of their families. In future seasons, therefore, as in 1885, we may expect to find at Wooglin a great number of family parties.

Wooglin is a place where one's independence has full swing. It is quite the thing to do just what one likes. There is a sufficiently wide choice to suit any one. Steamers, sail boats, row boats, fishing, fine roads for horse or man—what else can one ask? If one chooses to have none of these, perhaps he may find that to lie with his novel under one of the many trees which skirt our lake-front is what he needs most.

As a rule, the ladies spent a great part of the day upon the steamers, visiting Mayville, Bemus Point, Lakewood, and Jamestown. The trip to Jamestown was, as it always must be, extremely popular. The gentlemen frequently took part in these excursions, but generally staid at Wooglin and went sailing or fishing. Wooglin is the best fishing point on the lake. Bass, pickerel, and muskallonge bite liberally for any fisherman who understands his business. A

pickerel caught from our dock weighed fifteen-and-a-half pounds.

One day was spent in an excursion to Lake Erie. The drive is only nine miles, and takes one through a beautiful country. At the end of the drive, on the shore of Lake Erie, just beyond Westfield, there is a fine picnic ground. The excursion to Lake Erie is probably the prettiest drive about Chautauqua Lake, but the drives are very numerous, and every one's taste can be suited. The roads are so good that the person who likes to take a walk finds that Wooglin is just the place for him; and the same is true of the 'cyclist.

The Big Inlet, about a mile from Wooglin, was a popular place to spend the afternoon. As it is so near, and as the water of the inlet is perfectly still, many of the ladies found that they could row there by themselves, and to their hearts' content gather the flowers and ferns that pleased them. The inlet was especially attractive during a week of exceptionally high water. There were several heavy rains, and the lake was higher than it has ever before been known to be in the summer. The change all along the lake was very noticeable, but especially so on the inlet. Many of the obstructions were washed away, and the inlet was left practically unobstructed for a mile beyond the usual head of navigation.

A few evenings were spent at dances in Mayville, and a few at the skating rink or the bowling alley in Point Chautauqua; but the general rule was that the evening was spent at the club-house. The office was, as usual, the popular place. There was the fire—for there has to be a fire every evening—and the large open fire-place in the office seems to be the most natural center of our family circle. In the office, too, stood the piano; for it was found, on trial, that even though an open fire and a piano were added to the comforts of the ladies' parlor, the ladies preferred the office. So the office continued to be the place for dancing. We did not have to depend wholly upon our members and guests for our music; for through the greater part of the season we had a string band of three pieces, to furnish music in the evening and during meals.

The large dancing hall at the south end of the building has been divided. Part of it has been made into the ladies'

parlor, and part has been made into a smoking room. The remainder will, probably, be divided into bed-rooms. The large dancing hall was found wholly unnecessary. For the assemblies that may be given now and then for our friends at other resorts the dining-room is as fine a hall as can be desired; and for the dances of ordinary evenings every one prefers the office. For the benefit of persons who have not been in the house, I must explain that the office is simply the large hall which is the principal entrance. It stands in the middle of the house. It has the finest view that Wooglin affords. It is in every sense the center of the house. The main staircase is in it, and the two wings stretch off from it in either direction.

I believe that when I was last speaking of the way in which the members of the club spend their time, I was saying that in the evening those who dance, and the others, too, find the office the most pleasant place. That is true, and long after the dancing has ceased and the last lady has gone upstairs, the gentlemen remain in the office, smoking by the fire, telling stories of college and of convention, and discussing the future of the fraternity and of the club. I doubt whether life at Wooglin has any greater pleasure than this.

The general appearance of the grounds and of the house is much the same as in 1884. Still, there have been many improvements. There is a new dock. The old one was washed away by the ice. The new one is well weighted with rock, and in every respect is better than the old one. Outside and inside, the club-house has been improved in many ways, for Seaman is not happy unless painters, plasterers, and carpenters are busy. The furniture has been greatly increased. In short, in every direction there has been progress.

In 1885 Point Chautauqua was the post-office for Wooglin. We hope to have a post-office of our own before long. We already have our own Western Union Telegraph station. It was started as a summer office, but now it is made an office for the whole of the year.

The steam yacht "Carrie S.", which belongs to some members of the club, was not finished in time to be used in 1885. It will be ready by next season. It will be devoted wholly to Wooglin, making regular trips to the neighboring

points, and making excursions now and then, as may be desired. It accommodates seventy-five passengers, being the largest private boat on the lake. As it will run for us at all hours, even taking us to and from the most unseasonable trains, we shall have a great advantage over every other resort.

By this time I suppose that almost every one of my readers begins to suspect me of believing in Wooglin. I do believe in it with all my heart; and I can assure you that every one agrees with me. When I first thought of writing about the season of 1885 it immediately occurred to me that what I should have to say would seem too enthusiastic. So I gathered the opinions of others, and I will lay before you a part of what they said. I have not space for everything, but I assure you that every word was praise. Hon. Charles Beckwith, judge of the Superior Court of Buffalo, wrote: "After two visits at Wooglin, I am confirmed in the opinion that it is one of the pleasantest resorts in the country. The view from the club-house is beautiful, the air is salubrious, the table is better than at our best hotels, and the people one meets there are exceptionally agreeable." Col. A. W. Hendricks, of Indianapolis, wrote quite as strongly. I quote: "The beauty of the lake and its shores can scarcely be over-described. A more bracing and healthful atmosphere is nowhere breathed. Purer and cooler spring water can not be found. The club-rooms are unusually commodious and comfortable. The table is as good as any that I have known at watering place hotels. Last, but not least, the people we have met are delightful." After what these distinguished gentlemen have said, I think that what I have written about the summer of 1885 can not be considered unreasonable. I can quote similar words from many others; but what is the use? Yet I must call one witness as to the fishing. I quote from J. N. Courtney, of Owensboro, Ky.: "Those who like fishing will find lots of sport. I don't claim to be much of a fisherman; yet I caught, within a week, about thirty-five bass, ranging from three-quarters of a pound to three pounds in weight."

The quotations that I made just now are all from members of the club. Besides members and their families, there were invited guests. Although the guests, not being members of the fraternity, can not find in a Beta club-house the peculiar at-

traction that clings to the recollection of one's college life and to the reviving of old associations, they speak of the club quite as enthusiastically as members do. One of the guests of 1884, being unable to return in 1885, sent us a "grandfather's clock", of the old-fashioned tall pattern. It is one of the attractive pieces of furniture in our office, where it stands as a memento of the thoughtful interest taken in the club by the donor, Dr. Pease, of Massillon, O.

One result of the season of 1885 is that the club is no longer an experiment. We now know by experience how many people to expect, what kind of accommodations one will have, what the cost will be, and so on through the whole list of the details, each of which seems, perhaps, of little moment, but the sum of which determines whether the individual visitor enjoys his vacation and decides to come again. The result is all that can be wished. The visitors of each season decide to come again, to stay longer next time, and to bring their friends. The idea of the club grows upon one. I verily believe that in the whole field of fraternity work nothing has yet been planned which, in excellence and in various interest, approaches the theory of our Beta Theta Pi Alumni Club.

It is a summer home for the members and their friends. The members of the Wooglin club always will, as they do now, go, for a short time each summer, to the seashore or to other places, for one likes variety; but when the excitement of the change is over, our members will come to Wooglin, where they will find their own home and their oldest friends. Edwin H. Terrill, of San Antonio, Texas, writes: "With my family I spent six weeks of the summer at the Ocean View House on Block Island. Two years ago we were at an attractive place amidst mountain scenery; and three years ago at Ocean Grove and on Lake George. When, however, we steamed across Chautauqua Lake to our own green shores of Wooglin, we felt there was no summer resort equal to our Beta home. Our three weeks at Wooglin this summer have been delightful. The companionship of old fraternity friends, the charming new acquaintances formed, the fishing parties, the picnic in the grove on Lake Erie, the moonlight rides on the lake—all make a summer agreeable to look back upon. The club-house has been well managed. The table and service have been excellent. My

family all look forward with pleasant anticipations to next summer at Wooglin." As for Seaman, the originator of the club, he is still as enthusiastic and as active as ever. He stays at Wooglin through the

whole season; and that is one point in which the season of 1884 and that of 1885 are like each other and, I hope, like every season that the club will see for many a year.

F. F.

EDITORIAL.

What the fraternity magazines call "fraternity news" grows as it is handed from magazine to magazine. Not long ago a chapter letter in one of our most respected contemporaries (for, though all are good, we do respect some rather more than others) contained a sentence or two in the following amusing form: "We should enjoy a chapter-house just as much as any chapter can, and we have decided that we must have one; but there is not the slightest hope of it, unless some alumnus kindly bears the expense." As we had already examined most of the magazine and had noticed that each of the correspondents had said something about a chapter-house, we saw in a moment that the editor had told the correspondents that he wanted to make a discussion of chapter-houses the feature of that number. All along the line there was to be a movement towards chapter-houses. The correspondents obeyed orders very creditably; indeed, the life of an editor would be much happier if all correspondents would follow instructions as carefully as did those excellent young men. No writer forgot the house. He said that his chapter had one, or that it had the plans, or that it was starting a fund, or that it had made no movement at all in the direction of a house (except, of course, the slight movement involved in writing to the editor on the subject as requested), and so on; but in one way or another the chapter-house was treated of by each writer, and the editor was happy. Now it happened that in all that array of letters the only one which interested us was the one which contained the passage that we have quoted. That was too good to be forgotten. That correspondent really had nothing to say on the subject of houses; but he said to himself: "The editor wants something said about a house, and, of course, I ought to do the 'square' thing by him; so here goes." Then he held out that fond, delusive hope. Some other editor saw that letter, and compiled from it an item of "news." It read about thus: "The so and so chapter of the such and such fraternity is contemplating building a house, the funds to be furnished by the alumni." A month or two later another editor saw this item of news and coveted it. He thought that by making it over just a little he could make it look like perfectly new goods of his own manufacture. He succeeded beyond his wildest dream. He simply altered the item so that it read: "The alumni of the so and so chapter of the such and such fraternity have raised the funds for building a chapter-house." In that shape the item was news indeed, and very welcome news to the chapter. It is our observation that an item of fraternity news travels around the Greek press, in one shape or another, for about three years. Considering the fine start in life that this particular item has had, it seems likely that before it dies it will

be made to say that the chapter actually has the house. The chapter will, doubtless, be surprised to be presented with a house and with generous alumni—both, if you please, “with the compliments of the Greek press.”

AT THE request of the General Secretary, we make a few announcements. The minutes of the convention of 1885 are now ready for distribution. Two copies will be sent to each chapter. Other copies may be obtained from the General Secretary on application. The General Secretary has also published a revised edition of the constitution and by-laws, including all amendments and including, also, the “Code of Standard By-Laws for Alumni Chapters.” For copies apply to the General Secretary.

IT IS conceivable that a fraternity journal can be made to satisfy its subscribers; though we fancy that, as a matter of fact, the subscribers to no journal, fraternity or other, have ever expressed satisfaction with anything like unanimity. To please the exchanges, however, is wholly beyond any editor's hope. However excellent the magazine may be, there is necessarily something that it does not contain, and accordingly there is always something for the critic to say. For example, there is one kindly gentleman who always says of the BETA THETA PI, “We are grieved to find so few chapter letters.” When the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, to please him, gives a letter from each and every chapter, he or some one else says, “The *Scroll* has nothing but chapter letters, which makes it very uninteresting reading for persons who are not Phi Delta Thetas.” Perhaps you are right, friend; but did it ever occur to you that probably the only people who pay for the *Scroll* are members of that very fraternity? Then, again, about a year ago, some fresh hand, a veritable greenhorn in the accomplished body of reviewers, seeing for the first time a copy of Alpha Delta Phi's *Star and Crescent*, wrote, out of pure ignorance, “The *Star and Crescent* never mentions other fraternities or their magazines,” or words to that effect. The *Star and Crescent* plans a special feature for each number, and it happened that its very next issue, or almost the very next, was principally devoted to other fraternities and to extracts from their magazines. Whereupon the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* smartly said that that number of the *Star and Crescent* seemed to have been edited by a peculiarly judicious office boy. We could give many other instances to the same purpose; but we think we have already proved our point, which is that it is wholly useless for an editor to try to do right, for he is absolutely certain to do wrong—in the opinion of those clever fellows, the critics.

SEVERAL prominent members of the fraternity, who, unfortunately, did not attend the St. Louis convention, have thought that by directing the General Secretary to send three of the petitions directly to the chapters the convention intended to indorse those petitions as worthy of being granted. A gentleman who took an active part in the convention assures us that this is a misapprehension. For various reasons, the convention thought that these petitions should not remain before the fraternity for a whole year, but should be disposed of immediately, one way or the other. In one case the petition had been before the fraternity for several years, without coming to a final vote. In another case the petition failed in the convention by a vote so close there was some ground for believing that if sent to the chapters it might be granted. We do not know what was the special ground in the third case, beyond the wish to have the matter ended as soon as possible. Yet it is now of no consequence what were the special features of each case. The important thing is not to misunderstand the convention's action. When, in the ordinary course

of business, a petition is sent to the chapters immediately, it means, according to the words of the constitution, that, in the opinion of the General Secretary and of the Board of Directors, "upon a full knowledge of all the facts, special and extraordinary reasons exist for the *establishment* of a new chapter prior to the next meeting of the general convention." In such a case, of course, the petition comes to the chapters with a strong presumption that it is worthy of being granted. The petitions that are now to be sent around are not in this position at all. These have not been indorsed by the General Secretary, officially, nor by the Board of Directors. Further, as we explained already, they have not been indorsed by convention. The petitions go out solely upon their merits. Each chapter must make up its mind after an independent investigation. Of course, that should be done always, but especially in these cases; for here there is no justification for saying that some one else has made the investigation and found everything all right.

WHEN in doubt, vote no. That applies both to voting on members and to voting on petitions for charters. That one should give the benefit of the doubt, and that there is a presumption in favor of innocence, and the like, are maxims very good in their place; but their place happens to be in criminal courts. Such maxims have no place when one is selecting life-long associates. Every member receives as the work of his predecessors good associates, good sister chapters, and an honorable history. He has no right to add to the record unless he knows for certain that he is not changing it for the worse.

WHEN our chapter correspondents do not do their duty, we are prompt in reprimanding them; and it is only fair to be equally prompt with praise when they do well. Our subscribers will join with us in thanking the corresponding secretaries who have this month done their work so faithfully. Although the beginning of the academic year is a very busy season, our correspondents have not failed us. Many of the letters came unasked; for, as we began the year with a very incomplete list of corresponding secretaries, we had to depend largely on volunteers. Yet what is the use of giving thanks, unless we are about to ask new favors? The corresponding secretaries will please take notice that by the fifth of November we wish to receive a letter from each chapter that has not already contributed to this year's magazine.

WE WISH to call attention to the chapter letters as the best available means of learning exactly what is the real working value of a chapter. If a chapter sends to the magazine frequent, full and intelligent letters, it is almost certain that it is a live chapter and in every respect creditable. Conversely, a poor chapter sends poor letters or none. Let the chapter-killer take notice. By the way, the chapter-killer didn't seem to go to St. Louis; but we think he will come to Cincinnati next year, in full force.

It is a good plan to alter the boundaries of our districts now and then. They exist not as divisions of the fraternity, but simply as groupings made for the purpose of facilitating an efficient central administration. In other words, instead of being part of a scheme of local self-government, they are part of a scheme of centralization. It is to bring out this truth clearly that it is well not to keep the same boundaries always. If districts were permanent, there would be, almost necessarily, a tendency towards de-centralization. The chapters of one district would, conceivably, form a sort of little fraternity by themselves, an *imperium in imperio*. Nothing of this kind has ever happened to us. Notwithstanding the wide territory

over which we stretch, nothing like sectionalism has ever appeared. This is our good luck ; but we think there is much good management about it, too, and that one important part of the good management is a careful attention to this matter that we have just now been talking about.

AN ARTICLE on Greek homesteads, which has recently gone the rounds of the fraternity press, words forcibly and truly the good features of the chapter-house system. Yet there is another side of the picture. Until a chapter-house is actually paid for, it is a curse to the chapter. Undergraduates usually have a rather limited amount of spending money ; and the same is true of the younger alumni. The college boys and the alumni always find that a chapter-house unpaid for is a heavy burden. There is then a temptation to initiate more members, and especially to initiate wealthy ones. Even in case the house is paid for, it may be so large as to require considerable outlay for annual expenses, such as taxes, repairs, and janitor. The burden may not be the death of the chapter, but it may lead to something worse than death. The expense may be too great for five or six men to bear. When, therefore, the chapter finds that it cannot secure a full delegation of desirable men, there is immediately a pressure to take men that are undesirable, in order to have help with the expenses. The temptation to take undesirable men rather than to let a chapter dwindle to numerical insignificance is always strong enough, even in colleges where the pernicious practice of combining to carry elections does not prevail. In the state of facts that we have in mind, however, the temptation becomes much stronger than in any other conceivable case ; for of all pressures known to man a financial pressure is the strongest. If the chapter is compelled always, whether it be large or small, to meet certain heavy annual charges, it sometimes must make a choice of some one of three or four unfortunate courses. The membership must be kept full, even at the cost of reputation ; or the individual members must spend, or take the chance of spending, much more than they can afford ; or the chapter must go into debt ; or the alumni must be called on for subscriptions. Each one of these courses is bad enough, but the first is worst of all ; and yet any fraternity man knows that the first scheme is the easiest, the most insidious, and, in short, the one most likely to be adopted. That the first course is taken unwillingly, and almost unwittingly, is true enough. To the credit of the fraternity system be it said that every fraternity does its best to get only what it considers the best material. Yet, when money is at stake, it is a fact that a small chapter does become rather blind to the defects of outsiders. We are not talking at random. We are telling the truth precisely as we have seen it time and again. If any one does not say the same of his own knowledge, let him pick up almost any fraternity magazine, and he will read that some chapter (of some other fraternity, of course,) is taking a large number of undesirable members, because of the expenses attending the chapter-house. It isn't true? Perhaps you are right. Correspondents do not always tell the exact truth ; but they usually try to say something that to an experienced fraternity man will look as much like the truth as possible. Accordingly, we unhesitatingly refer to the untruthful, but skilfully malignant, correspondents. To turn aside a moment from this interesting subject—when considering the large chapters and fine chapter-houses that are found at many colleges, especially in the East, we have often wondered whether the largeness of the chapter is not the effect, rather than the cause, of the chapter-house. Yet we have no time for that side-issue just now. We are simply concerned with the fact that a chapter-house is not necessarily a desirable acquisition. A chapter-house that is paid for may be a good thing. A chapter-house that is paid for and

that, by endowment or otherwise, is prevented from becoming a burden upon the active members, is a good thing much more certainly; but we must not be understood as suggesting that the members should not pay a fair rent for any accommodations that they may enjoy. And now let us repeat, for the sake of emphasis, the text and doctrine of this homily. A chapter-house that is not paid for, or that imposes a heavy annual burden, is the greatest misfortune that a chapter can have. It simply bribes the chapter when small to take wrong men. The evil may not be felt, to be sure, until the chapter is small; but that is the very time when the chapter most needs to be encouraged to stand firm and take none but the best.

THERE is more than one respect in which a good fraternity training is inestimable. Somehow, with years of fraternity work comes a quick perception of a man's ability. The fall term comes around, and new faces appear among the old. The fraternity man casts his eyes over the crowd, and says, "That fellow appears to be pretty fair." What makes him say it? The dress does not make the man, and there is surely something behind the looks. What is it, if not a power of judgment developed by previous campaigns? So the new student is called aside, and asked: "How do you like it here?" "By the way, where is your home?" "What class will you enter?" "Have you a good boarding-place?" and the like. Many such conversations result in the conviction, "We want him." Now, is it not true that such skill in selection is to be desired? Just this kind of skill will be useful to the fraternity man long after his college days are over.

GREAT stress may well be laid upon the importance of selecting members for their intellectual ability. One true standard of college excellence is the class-room standard. The good student is the leader—the one looked up to by his comrades. He is chosen for president of his class, for president of the literary society, for this, that, or the other office. Such men are the ones who attract attention, and such are the ones for us to choose, other things being equal. This should be the general rule; and yet it should be remembered that some of our best men were poor students in college. A famous college president, whose lectures on psychology, moral philosophy, and theology attract universal attention, in college was such a poor student that he had to work hard to get passing grade. Who can tell what latent ability may not be developed in a stupid student? No "dig" do we want, who shuts his eyes to all else, and thinks only of his grade, or who uses sycophant ways to gain favor; nor do we want the lazy bummer, who thinks not of lessons. Happily, there is a golden mean.

AS ~~WE~~ have never had any experience in the position of a chief assistant secretary for a district, we have no direct knowledge of a chief's feelings. We suspect, however, that a chief must sometimes, in his inmost heart, think that he is of little or no use. In these days of good corresponding secretaries, prompt semi-annual circular letters, and monthly magazines, the Directors and the General Secretary can easily get information without the aid of a chief. Still, we cannot afford to lay the chief aside. The office is, very properly, used as a reward for extremely efficient corresponding secretaries; but this is far from being the most important point. A chief is valuable as an official head for state re-unions, or for any other schemes requiring the co-operation of several chapters. Further—and this is much more important—a chief is a fine man to call upon in case of emergency. Suppose a petition comes in from a college regarding which the fraternity at large has not full information. There is, of course, a chief in the neighborhood, well posted as to the standing, and

so on, of colleges in his district, and he is just the man to give the requisite information. Then, again, if one of our chapters falls into difficulties and needs a personal visit, we have at hand, picked for the emergency, an experienced fraternity worker, who, besides his general knowledge of fraternity matters, probably has some personal knowledge of this very chapter. So the chiefs are very far from being fifth wheels to our wagon.

THERE ought to be system in the payment of chapter dues. Every chapter that has a hall is obliged to meet hall rent, annual dues, BETA THETA PI subscriptions and incidentals. A little neglect results in the crowding of all expenses into the same payment; and frequently chapters fall behind. Now, why not start the year with the payment of subscriptions to the BETA THETA PI? That will be out of the way. By January 1st, have in the treasury money for annual dues, subject to the order of the General Treasurer. Have some definite plan for raising hall rent, and never allow payment to be delayed. A little foresight will result in an unembarrassed treasury, and will do away with the unpleasant feelings arising from the frequent duns of the treasurer.

WE HOPE all of our subscribers will send us as many items as possible regarding members of the order. A fraternity magazine cannot be too personal. Most of our readers take pleasure in even the slightest details regarding their old friends. Send us, therefore, every word of news about yourself and about all other Betas. Do not hesitate to send newspaper clippings that to you seem too laudatory; and do not hesitate to send details that you think uninteresting. Leave questions of taste to the editors. It is our business to know what our readers wish, and in what form they want it. We are presumed to have perfect taste; else what are we here for?

OPEN LETTER.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly.

I was much interested, in looking over the list of Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (opening May 20, 1885), at Houston, Texas, to find the names of several Betas. I thought, perhaps, your readers would be interested in knowing how many were there, and hence I have examined the matter and find the names of the following Betas:

Ministers.—A. B. Carrington, Zeta, '58, Buckland, Va.; J. S. Frierson, Epsilon, '51, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.; M. L. Leacy, D. D., Zeta, '60, Lewisburg, W. Va.; D. A. Penick, Zeta, '54, Kerr's Creek, Va.; T. W. Raymond, Zeta, '78, Brownsville, Tenn.; E. H. Rutherford, D. D., Iota, '54, Paris, Ky.; W. A. Sample, Iota, '54, Fort Smith, Ark.; W. I. Sinnott, Beta Beta and Zeta, Oxford, Miss.

Elders.—Hon. T. W. Ewing, Omicron, '69, Pulaski, Tenn.; Jno. A. Hamilton, M. D., Theta, '56, Georgetown, Ky.; E. N. McAuley, M. D., Pi Psi, '61, McKinney, Texas.

Of these we find appointed on the committees the following:

Bills and Overtures.—J. S. Frierson, A. B. Carrington.

Theological Seminaries.—D. A. Penick, E. N. McAuley, J. A. Hamilton.

Foreign Missions.—T. W. Raymond.

Sabbath-schools.—M. L. Leacy, D. D., chairman, W. I. Sinnott.

Auditing Committee.—Hon. T. W. Ewing, chairman.

Publication.—W. A. Sample, chairman.

Of the fourteen committees three had a Beta for chairman.

W. C. White.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Kenyon.

on opened a week later than esumably to allow us more time re for the numerous improve- hich have been made. We have ibrary building under roof, the ereof is Hubbard Hall. It is a ie stone building, situated south apel, looking westward over the g Valley. The donor is Mrs. f Columbus. Besides this, the s have all been repaired and im- reatly, and everything looks to- omplete change for the better in agement of Kenyon. Still, we ie faculty has been a little too i discipline, in some cases.

Alpha is less numerous this year many years; but we are per- monious and happy in our fra- fe, and think that in harmony l-fellowship, at least, we are "on rother Mayo, '86, and brother r, '88, did not return this year; hers Snyder, Benedict, and Bope, : gone to seek their fortunes in cold world; so there are five of maintain the innate superiority eaters."

f our professors here is trying to it is the average requirement, in n colleges, for the degree of B. y information our brothers can the subject will be very accept-

id a very pleasant little visit from Chas. B. Clegg, of Dayton, O., id Miami's men. He told some stories of Beta life in the old nd we, too, had something to ur alumni, who, if not very old, and loyal Betas ever.

Geo. Clarke Cox, Cor. Sec.
3, 1885.

Washington and Jefferson.

: graduation of the class of '85 our lost O. M. Campbell and W. J. ks. Brother Campbell is in St. inn.; and brother Fredericks is g the Western Theological y, Allegheny City, Pa. Brother f the junior class, also left college

last June to accept a position as assistant editor of the *Wellsburg Herald*.

Since the opening of college we have initiated Wm. Baird, of Washington, Pa., and B. A. Brown, of Marchand, Pa., both of whom are in the freshmen class. We now number eight, two of our members being in the senior, two in the sopho- more, and four in the freshman. The only difficulty under which we labor is that we have no representative in the junior class. Our prospects for still further increasing our membership are very encouraging, as there are a great many new students in college.

Brother Chas. J. Seaman, of Cleve- land, Ohio, paid this chapter a very pleasant visit last month.

Robert M. Brownson, Cor. Sec.
October 8, 1885.

Northwestern.

Rho began, this fall, with one senior, two specials, three juniors, four sopho- mores, and five freshmen. It will be seen that this arrangement of numbers gives not only a good aggregate for the pres- ent, but also cheering encouragement for the future; for the arrangement has a pyramidal form and a right-side-up posi- tion. The loss of our '85 delegation was keenly felt at the beginning of the year, for the fact that we had no men in '84 had made the '85 men seniors in the chapter for two years, and this long ex- perience had made them very effective managers. However, among the boys who returned there was no lack of spirit and devotion, and they set to work with a vim that has made up for inexperience, and has made it certain already that we shall easily maintain the position of first place among the fraternities here. In the election we got as many offices as we are entitled to. Brother Briggs was made president of the freshman class, and brother Calkins of the sophomore class; and of the offices of the smaller fry we received our full proportion.

The work for men has been pushed vigorously and systematically. Con- geniality is the prime requisite, the first standard by which we judge men worthy or unworthy of membership; and with

this as the prime requisite we have a tacit understanding that our men must be first-grade students. So far we have pledged one man, Young, of Elgin, who seems to us to be the most desirable of all the incoming freshmen. He was taken without difficulty, from "bids" of three of our strongest rivals. We are scanning several other new men in the freshman class, and at the same time are not forgetting to guard desirable men in the preparatory school against hasty action.

Brother Harry Hamill, who was lured away from us two years ago by the chances for a farm in Dakota, is with us again this year. Henry R. Hatfield, who has been one of our '87 men, has been forced, by trouble with his eyes, to give up school work this year, and is, for the present, with Kean & Co., bankers, Chicago, expecting to begin next year with '88. That class will also be strengthened next term by the return of brother Rich, who left his school work at the beginning of last year's winter term.

Visitors in Chicago from other chapters are reminded that Evanston is located but twelve miles north of Chicago, and trains run every half-hour during the day. We meet Monday evening, and then, or at any other time, we should be glad to give all Betas a fraternal grip and welcome. Brother Manly, one of our "sub-Rho" men, of Denver University, paid us a pleasant visit a few weeks ago.

C. S. Tomlinson, Cor. Sec.
October 14, 1885.

University of Kansas.

We begin the year auspiciously. All our undergraduates in school last year have returned, with but one exception, Archie Watson. Brother Poehler, after an absence of eight months in the northwest, returns and will finish his collegiate work with '88. Brother Rankin, returning from the Indian Territory, has finally concluded to doff his *sombrero* and leather breeches, lay aside his pistols, adopt the dress and customs of civilization, and again become a brother among us. Those, together with three initiates, Walter Tomlin, W. L. Smith, and Barlow Lippincott, make a round dozen. The new brothers are very desirable men (so others thought), and their initiation was

an occasion of much merry-making. Brother Tomlin comes from Winfield, enters freshman and expects to take a full course. Brother Smith is a sophomore and a man of fine parts. Brother Lippincott, son of the Chancellor, is a member of the junior class, and is doing special work in the scientific department.

In our last letter we forgot to place the name of T. F. Doran on our list of those receiving college honors. He was appointed by the faculty to speak in the declamatory contest. He took first prize, and at the same time was awarded second Courier prize for freshman rhetorical work.

Two years ago, when the result of the election in Ohio was made known, we made a raid on the Phi Kappa Psi boys, and mildly hinted to them the propriety of "setting 'em up," which they accordingly did. In the light of recent developments, the rashness of that act has become manifest. We may be able to "stand them off," but they are a strong frat., and, backed by precedent, are likely to kick vigorously. Alas, brother Tosh has gone, taking with him his "keg."

The chapter is under obligations to brother Rankin for a fine lot of furs, which he lays as trophies at the shrine of Wooglin.

The University of Kansas is growing. The natural history laboratory is rapidly building. A number of new professors have been added to the faculty. The department of pharmacy begins work with well-filled classes. This department is a relief to one of our rivals, practically solving for it the problem of getting men.

Brothers Cranston and Manley, of Denver, made us a short but enjoyable visit on going east to a law school. Brother G. B. Watson, '84, goes to Ann Arbor to law school. He spent a few days in Lawrence visiting old friends. Major Ransom was in the city during the summer, and expressed himself as well pleased with our chapter and its workings. He has no regrets that he had a hand in our founding. C. E. Parker made us a short visit. He is very enthusiastic over the plan pursued at Ann Arbor of the boys living together in the same house.

The I. C. Sorosis will hold their annual convention here during the present month.

Joe Curry, Cor. Sec.
October 15, 1885.

Cornell.

Our chapter enters the new college year under conditions that are more favorable than last year. Eleven members have returned. We lost by graduation brother Van Vranken. Brother Staunton, '88, cannot be with us this year. As an offset to the decrease, brother Grant, who was absent last year, has returned; and brother Cutter, who was forced to discontinue his studies on account of his eyes, is again pursuing his course; and brother Emory, who was absent last term, is back and will graduate with his class. Brother White has been appointed assistant in the department of free-hand drawing.

The university has opened with 220 freshmen, thus making a gradual but steady increase in the number of students. Numerous changes have been made in the faculty and curriculum. The most important change in the faculty is the succession of Professor Charles Kendall Adams to the position resigned by President White. The new president has already made many warm friends; and the student body seems very favorably impressed by his friendly manner and the zeal with which he has taken hold of the affairs of the university. Ex-President White delivered his farewell address to the students last week.

Little can be said, with any degree of definiteness, as to the honors for this year. Elections in the two upper classes have not yet been held, and these will furnish "bones of contention" for fraternity men. The "independent" vote is so large that it will require perfect harmony among the fraternities in order to secure a share of the offices.

Theodore Miller, Cor. Sec.
October 2, 1885.

University of Mississippi.

The first week of the session of '85-'86 is now past; yet there remains some of the confusion, the hurrying of students to and fro, and the rapid exchange of interrogatories and answers, just as always at the beginning of a collegiate year. There can be seen groups of loyal Greeks scattered about the campus, trying to convince some obstinate barbarian that it will be to his interest to cross the boundary which separates Greek from barbarian. In regard to the solicitation

of men by the different fraternities, I have noticed one thing that I have been pleased to see. It is a change, perhaps imperceptible to a casual observer, but, as I think, a decided change. With one or two exceptions, the different fraternities of this university are studying the characters and merits of the new men more than at any time since I have been connected with this chapter. There is not the general rush for new men which is sometimes seen at the opening of a year. Each man must stand the critical scrutiny of the Greek, and is not solicited until his merits have been discovered.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of initiating into our chapter three true, substantial men, Messrs. Cochran, McClelland, and Harris. Brother Cochran has entered the senior law class, and bids fair to gain such distinction as will reflect honor upon the badge he wears. Brothers McClelland and Harris are ranked among the best in the freshman class. Brother Moore, who has been absent from us for a year, has returned and entered senior law, and is working with his characteristic zeal and earnestness for Wooglin's cause. We do not wish to boast at all, but we think we can well say that the chapter is in as good condition as we need wish. Each member seems to be impressed with the duty he owes to the cause, and to have the true interest of the fraternity at heart.

We are happy to learn that the convention was such a pleasant meeting, and hope that those who have clamored, heretofore, so vigorously against southern extension have learned that it will not be such a great error as they had imagined, provided it be judiciously managed. We think that the founding of a chapter at the University of Texas was a step in the right direction, and it, of course, met with our hearty approval.

Jno. D. Burge, Cor. Sec.
October 3, 1885.

Dickinson.

Perhaps a warmer personal interest in one another never characterized the members of our chapter than during the past year. Always one of the essentials with us, this feature was particularly emphasized. Diversity in taste, joined with fraternal sympathy, made Beta life at Dickinson of unusual interest. A cursory review of the year calls to mind noteworthy

triumphs, enthusiastic initiations, delightful chapter meetings, toothsome *doppys*. Our annual banquet was held June 23d. Hon. E. B. Mitchell, '74, presided. There were toasts by Hill, '76, Appold, '82, Dare, '83, Baker, '85, and others. The loyalty of the alumni was fully shown.

During the year our membership varied. With nine active members in November last, we dwindled down to six in commencement week, with one of these to graduate and another not to return for one year. Of our members two stood third in their respective classes, another secured the freshman prize in English, two others not eligible for grading made good class records, and the sixth, F. T. Baker, graduated, taking the second honor of his class, making the sixth Beta to secure it in the dozen years of our chapter's existence. In the departure of Baker the chapter sustains a great loss. His peculiar tact, his well-tempered enthusiasm, his indefatigable zeal, his gentlemanly bearing, made him a power among us. At present he is teaching at Mt. Holly, N. J.

Meily, who was initiated in June after his admission to the class of '89, does not return. The outlook seemed somewhat discouraging to the four who came back at the opening of college, but the timely return of Dr. E. S. Lamdin and W. G. Lake renewed our partially paralyzed energy. The campaign has thus far resulted in the initiation of one new man, John R. Todd, a B. D. from Drew Theological Seminary, who enters the class of '87.

The college year opens auspiciously for Dickinson. This is signified not only by the increase of students, but also by the extension of resources. The new Tome Scientific Hall has just been opened for use, and the Bosler Memorial Library Hall, costing upwards of \$80,000, is rapidly approaching completion. W. B. Lindsay (Beta Theta Pi, Upsilon) assumes the chair of chemistry, to which he was elected in June. A renewed activity and interest is developing among our alumni, which speaks good things for the future. Eleven new prize scholarships have been established, distributable among all the classes. Alpha Sigma expects to grow with the college.

F. M. Welsh, Cor. Sec.

October 3, 1885.

Denison.

Of the many evils attendant upon the opening of a new school year, the one most troublesome at present is the introduction of ourselves to the Beta world. Friends, we still live and are busily at work.

At the end of the last term we had in our chapter thirteen members. Brother Brownell is studying law at St. Paul, Minn. He favored us with a visit at the beginning of the term. Brother Shafer is in the photograph business at Independence, W. Va. He hopes to return to college next term. Brother Copland is at the College of Montana, and has just been instrumental in organizing a reading-room association, of which he is President. Losing these three brothers, we opened the fall term with ten enthusiastic, active members, our "babe," Evan G. Evans, a Welshman true, being initiated on the night before commencement. Our chapter circle suffered a severe loss in the departure of Henry M. Carter for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Brother Carter is a good chemist and will make a successful teacher.

The Sigma Chis, our long-established rivals, began the year with nine men and have since taken another. They have more real elements of strength this year than they had last, although fewer in number. In this connection we can not forbear quoting a little phrase used by the *Sigma Chi* correspondent last fall: "Last year the Betas had nineteen men, now they have nine. 'How are the mighty fallen!'" We may say: "Last year the Sigs. had seventeen men and now only ten. 'How,' etc." But we are on friendly relations with the Sigs, and rarely get into a brush with them. Despite their claims to the contrary, we had no struggle with them for men last year, except in two cases, one of which seems to have been misunderstood by both sides; and the other brought us Gorman Jones, '89. We are ready to let the dead past bury its dead, and to say that the present Mu chapter of Sigma Chi is on friendly terms with us, and we hope will always be so.

The Phi Gamma Deltas, recently established, have ten active members and several pledged ones. They are on a good foundation, are popular, and, no doubt, will grow more and more powerful as the days go by.

ay evening, October 2d, we ended a campaign with a triple initiation, J. Kendig, '86, Ralph P. Smith, and Ed. A. Williams, '89, safely pass-rough the mysteries, assisted by in and his dog and the ever-ready oat. After the ceremonies of initiation we marched to the gymnasium Granville Female College, where a collation awaited us, through the kindness of Rev. D. B. Hervey, and Phi Gam, who has two sons in the chapter. There were thirty-three who sat down to the banquet, Rev. Dudley, of Alpha; Prof. A. D. of Brown and Johns Hopkins; the Secretary Wilby G. Hyde, of the University; A. A. Stasel, of Wooster; Mann, of Wittenberg and Ohio; and ten active members of the Wesleyan—Grier, Irwin, Park, Withrow, Talbert, Young, Dowd, M. Starr, and E. T. Starr. Of our alumni were Mason D. Phillips, '73, Umbus; C. F. Castle, '80, and F. W. rdson, '82, of Granville; W. C. ard, '85, of Johnstown, and C. W. in, '86, of McConnelsville; and last, at least, were twelve of our active ers. After doing full justice to the ntials provided by our friends in lage and arranged by the hands of eta girls, President Sprague called ponses as follows:

pha—"The Mother of Us All"; Rev. A. ley, '58.
ta Kappa; Wilby G. Hyde, '86.
ppa and Alpha Chi; Alfred D. Cole, '84.
pha Gamma; Art. Mann.
pha Lambda; Albert A. Stasel, '84.
eta—"Our Welcome Guests"; L. R. 86.
pha Eta's Alumni; M. D. Phillips, '73.
bur New-born Babes"; F. W. Shepard-
an The Babes Speak? yes"; Harry J.

er the mystic circle we went sere-
g and sang the songs of Beta Theta
into the night.

Delaware boys drove across the
y some thirty-four miles. We en-
their visit greatly. The only cloud
the occasion was the absence of
r Gorman Jones, '89, who is at his
in West Jefferson quite sick.

rejoice in the presence with us of A.
le, the valedictorian of Brown Uni-
y in 1884, a Phi Beta Kappa man.
er Cole, after a year of special

work at Johns Hopkins, comes to us as
instructor in physics and chemistry and is
winning many friends. We now have
two representatives in the faculty. Of
college honors we have received a full
share, and in every way are in a flourish-
ing condition.

Professor Clarence L. Herrick, of the
University of Minnesota, fills the chair of
geology, botany, and zoology and is giving
good satisfaction. In every respect our
college is prospering.

Edward H. Castle, Cor. Sec.
October 9, 1885.

The University of Iowa.

Alpha Beta's prospect was never
brighter than at the opening of the
present year. Eleven of our twelve
members of last term have returned,
and two men have already been initi-
ated. Every one is enthusiastic. With
the good standing we have already won,
furthered by harmonious work, we look
forward to a year of continued pros-
perity. Our "babes" are J. H. Gates, '88,
and Brod Davis, '89. Both are good stu-
dents; exactly the kind to add positive
strength to a chapter. Three of our
alumni, R. G. Morrison, '82, J. I. Gilbert,
'83, and H. P. Mozier, '84, took part in
the initiation and the feast which followed
at Madani's. If words can express one's
feelings on an occasion such as this, they
are found in the chorus of our "Gemma
Nostra;" and never did a "*Salve Beta
Theta Pi*" come more truly from the
heart than just before we parted for the
night.

Our only man in '85 is brother F. O.
Louden, now teaching in the high school
at Burlington. As predicted in our last
semi-annual, he received first honors in
his class, none the less a tribute to his
ability as a scholar from his having taken
the four years course in three.

This letter would be incomplete indeed
without mention of our banquet at the
close of last term. It was given in our
hall on the 22d of June, and our circle
was increased by seven of our alumni.
We had a grand time, and one long to be
remembered. These annual re-unions are
most fruitful in keeping up interest in the
chapter. Who can stand side by side with
boys who wear the Beta badge, some of
whom have not been seen in chapter hall
for years, while the room is filled with
the sound of their familiar voices, without

realizing the debt he owes his fraternity, if only for the friendships formed and the memories that will be so dear in time to come?

Our university is in a most prosperous condition. A strong class entered this fall. The rooms in the old building have been re-furnished and the new Science Building is the finest in the West. Iowa is fast establishing an institution in keeping with her stand in other educational matters.

In conclusion, let me say that we are proud to belong to the fraternity first to hold a convention west of the Mississippi, as well as first to publish an official magazine.

Elbridge H. Sabin, Cor. Sec.
September 21, 1885.

University of Wisconsin.

Alpha Pi opens the year with a bright outlook and a small but thoroughly harmonious chapter, and takes pleasure in announcing her situation to the fraternity. Our losses last year were heavy. From a chapter of twelve, degrees were taken by seven, as follows: M. E.—C. M. Conradson, B. M. E., '83; L. L. B.—Howard L. Smith, A. B., '81; E. G. McGilton, A. B., '83; F. M. Stephenson; F. A. Leall; A. B.—L. P. Conover; B. M. E.—C. T. Earl. In addition to these, R. H. Smith, '87, has entered Stevens, at Hoboken, whence he writes us of Sigma's cordial reception; and Geo. L. Thayer, '87, is studying with an architect in Chicago.

We start this year, then, as follows: '86 (law), H. P. Stoddard, A. B., '83; '86 (law), S. Martindale, Jr., A. B., '80; '86, H. S. Shedd; '87 (law), L. P. Conover, A. B., '85; '87, C. M. Morris; '88, J. L. Willard. Two initiates, A. P. Delaney, '87, and W. R. Smith, '89, make our membership eight.

Honors, at an institution of this nature, are few and of small consequence. Shedd is managing editor of the college paper, and Morris is one of the five junior exhibition orators. In the new class all are doing well, but none better, or, perhaps, so well, as Alpha Pi. There are six societies here, the three oldest of which, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Chi Psi, work in about the same field. We shall have three or four, the Phi Kaps about three, and the Chi Psis, from an influx of younger brothers, etc., about five. The feeling between the

societies is of the pleasantest nature, with the exception, possibly, of Phi Delta Theta, which manifests its discontent on the precedence question.

We have the gratification of pointing with pride to the condition of the university. By the great generosity of the state, our cremated buildings and collections are rapidly being better than replaced, and we look forward to a position, next year and thereafter, attainable by few western colleges. Our faculty has been strengthened by the accession of several new men. The entering students this year number two hundred and twenty, against one hundred and sixty-eight last year. Altogether, we feel quite elated.

This year, for the first time, frats. and neutrals are in hearty co-operation in getting out an annual, and it is expected that an unusually good one will be the result. We shall be glad to receive subscriptions and to exchange with all chapters. If any desire to exchange, they will oblige us by notifying us at one.

H. S. Shedd, Cor. Sec.
October 5, 1885.

Wabash.

After so long a silence, Tau is glad to make her appearance again in the columns of the journal. Since last heard from, things have been unusually successful with her. Every "spike" we have made has been successful, and one of them partook of the nature of a lift. Brother J. W. Kieff, who became a Beta during the spring term, had been, until a week before his initiation, a member of Phi Delta Theta. In the exhibitions given commencement week the Betas made a fair showing. A. A. McCain, '89, received the second prize for declamation in the exhibition of the preparatory department, and John W. Doak, '87, second prize for excellence in the same art in the sophomore class. Brother Howard Maxwell, '86, was awarded the first prize for junior essay, the highest honor received by any student during commencement.

Just here we must ask the pardon of a sister chapter for making a statement. In reports and chapter letters it has always been the effort of the cor. sec. of Tau to give, as briefly as possible, and without comment, such facts as he thought of sufficient importance to be of interest to other chapters; for example, honors

and prizes taken by members of the chapter. If a majority of our brother cor. secs. think this can be classed as "blow", as one of them said last year, we shall forever keep silence on that subject and write about something else.

During commencement week the chapter received a delightful visit from brother E. B. McConnell, of Logansport, Ind., a member of Cornell chapter. Brother McConnell is a Beta of the most approved type, and his visit and accounts of the Cornell chapter gave us a new interest in the work.

The present term opens very auspiciously for us. The campaign began with nine members present, Trout, '88, and Doak, '87, having been unable to return. Doak will probably be with us in January. On last Friday evening we had the pleasure of initiating two new members, S. C. Hughes, of Richmond, Ind., a freshman, and Frank H. Boudinot, of Terre Haute, a senior prep. We obtained possession of these two only after the severest contest with our rivals that we have had for some time. Brother Hughes is the son of the Rev. Dr. I. M. Hughes, a member of the old Alpha. By this initiation not only has a great victory been achieved, but material of such a character has been added as to insure a good chapter at Wabash for several years to come.

R. S. Thomson, Cor. Sec.
October 3, 1885.

St. Lawrence.

During the past year Beta Zeta has maintained her former good status, in both social and literary matters, and her prospects for the coming year are most gratifying. Of the eight literary honors offered last year we succeeded in capturing five. Our annual commencement reunion proved a very enjoyable affair, and our alumni—in whom, by the way, we are particularly strong—manifested their customary zeal in renewing chapter interest and relations. By the graduation of '85 we lost four members, brothers Baker, Forbes, Helmle, and Roripaugh. Brother Baker has been retained by the board of trustees of the university as tutor of Latin, and is now acting in that capacity. We have this term, after careful selection, chosen and initiated five men, two being from '87 and the remaining three from '89. Our roll now shows

an active membership of seventeen, and (being reinforced by numerous *fratres in urbe*) constitutes, we believe, a chapter second to none in the enthusiasm and fraternal feeling of its members. Of this number '86 contributes three, '87 nine, '88 two, and '89 three. We carved our initiation *supper* September 19th. The occasion was fully as enjoyable to the barbs as to their more experienced brothers.

The prospects for the university are now assuming a more favorable aspect. Liberal contributions have been made by the friends of the college toward increasing the endowment fund, and we now feel warranted in saying that the financial stability of St. Lawrence is assured. The class of '85 in the collegiate department was the largest ever graduated. The incoming class is not inferior in numbers, and we believe it is superior in the quality of its members when compared with classes of former years.

E. S. K. Merrell, Cor. Sec.
October 4, 1885.

Wooster.

By graduation we lost Frank Pearson, Dickson Moore, James Conway, and Ed. E. Weaver. During four years these earnest men have done much toward upholding the banner of Alpha Lambda, and their loss can be no other than one most keenly felt. Yet the opening of the university brought back seven Betas, among whom was A. B. Dunlap, who was teaching last year and now enters the class of '87. His return was a delightful surprise to all his friends. Besides appreciating him as a faithful student and a zealous Beta, we are additionally glad of his return for the reason that we shall enjoy his magnificent voice, which, in the Wooglin quartette of two years ago, was so well known in university and Beta circles. By initiation two promising Betas have been added to our number, Thomas Dunlap and George Nesbitt. Both are members of the freshman class. The former's value to Alpha Lambda was made manifest last June, and he has been a pledged man till this term. The latter is taking his first year at this college, and a thorough acquaintance was sufficient to show that he was of the right metal. The accession of brother Nesbitt was attended with a contest with four of our rivals, but the *Alphas* returned with not only their shields but the booty

as well. The double initiation was doubly interesting, and the ceremonies were performed according to ancient custom and in true Greek spirit. The assurance is already ours that not only Alpha Lambda but Beta Theta Pi in general may always be proud of "Our Twins."

We have no disposition to boast but would casually remark, for the gratification of our alumni, that Alpha Lambda has not lost her former position as regards intellectual standing and college honors. In the class of '85 we are glad to say that Dick Moore and Ed. Weaver were respectively second and fourth-honor men. I am constrained to add that they are persons of ability and not simply "honor" men, as was proven by the fact that the laurels were won with no sacrifice of interest in society and other means of liberal culture.

Brother Burgoyne, of '86, is the efficient senior editor of *University Voice*, a publication which has been greatly improved since last year by giving us more general college information in the way of a weekly correspondence from the principal colleges of the United States. Brother George A. Shives, '86, is reporter and business manager of the *Mansfield Daily Herald*. Our *fratres in urbe* have proven their interest in us by the encouragement of their presence and advice.

Franklin Conrad, Cor. Sec.
October 10, 1885.

University of California.

Although the new class has already made its appearance, it is hard to say just how many and what men will be ours. There seems to be good material, and before many days we shall have our selection fairly defined. Our prospects are encouraging, and our men are alive to the interests of the chapter.

The university is without a president just now—and, consequently, *unprincipaled*, as our faculty member would say—since the resignation of President Reid. The institution continues in all its functions with a temporary head, expecting always to find a capable president in the near future. Many improvements have been added to the buildings within the last few months. The \$40,000 appropriated by the legislature for laying out the grounds will, when it is expended, add materially to the loveliness of our site.

Harding, '82, was admitted in June to the practice of law as a graduate from the college of law. Earl, '83, and Wheeler, '84, are still students at the law college. Schindler, '83, sailed again for the north in August with a coast survey expedition. He puts in an appearance about once every six months. Armes, '82, is teaching in the Oakland Academy, in which he has a part interest. He is also still an assistant in the English department of the university. Ramm, '84, is taking a post-graduate course at Berkeley. Warren, '85, has secured a place as recorder for a coast survey party in the southern part of the state. Stratton, R. T., has gone to Philadelphia to study medicine. Stratton, G. M., rejoins us at Christmas. Palache, '87, is with us again after a year's absence. We are glad to have such a good worker and loyal Beta among us. Wellman, '86, is in the wholesale grocery business with his father in San Francisco; we shall miss his presence. He has been much troubled with weak eyes. R. D. Jackson, '82, has returned from mining in Mexico. Busted! As a whole, the chapter is harmonious and inclined to work for its improvement, and we all hope to feel that we have made some good steps forward when the year is drawing to an end.

Whitney Palache, Cor. Sec.
October 3, 1885.

Amherst.

Since our last letter, written in June, our '85 delegation has left us. We return this fall with our full remaining number. Though '85 took some strong men from us, we are in a very good condition to start upon the new collegiate year. For the past few weeks we have been very busy in our "campaign work" for the incoming freshman class, though the strife for men between the different societies has not been so great as in several years previous. The new class numbers about one hundred and is considered a very good one. Thus far we have pledged six new men and shall probably take one or two more before initiation. One man whom we had pledged last year was taken away by sudden death this summer. Our initiation this year will be held here the 16th of this month, in attendance upon which we expect several of our alumni besides delegations from Eta of Harvard, Kappa of Brown, Upsilon of Boston University, and Sigma of Stevens.

Several new students have entered '86, '87, and '88 this year, quite a delegation of Theta Delta Chi's joining '88, from the chapter at Boston University. This is the first year of the establishment of this society in the college. It has started off fairly well, though its charter members were taken from the *σνδρς* in the different classes. They number now sixteen, regardless of their '89 delegation. We think they will have rather a hard struggle for existence, as there are already seven fraternities represented here and our classes are not any too large to pick from.

During the summer vacation the college grounds have been greatly altered. A new survey has been made of the entire grounds and they have been laid out accordingly. We are still in the same chapter house. During the year we are expecting some improvements, such as fitting up parlors and building piazzas. The Delta Kappa Epsilons have removed to their new house, which is quite a distance out of town, and is at an inconvenient distance from the college grounds. Their house is not completed yet and probably will not be for some time, though they seem to be hurrying matters along. The house has an abundance of ground, which is its chief advantage.

Our annual holiday, familiarly known to Amherst men as "Mountain Day", was given us yesterday. Our annual "Athletic Day" is to be this year the 14th of this month. We recently had a pleasant call from brother Branch, of Boston University.

R. M. Palmer, Cor. Sec.

October 2, 1885.

Union.

We have already entered upon another year of college work—a year that promises to be one of success for the Nu of Beta Theta Pi. When we returned to "Old Union", at the opening of the present term, we were seven; having lost four brothers, members of the class of '85. These four are brothers Bishop, Barhydt, Crane, Egelston, three of whom, brothers Bishop, Crane, and Egelston, were stage orators; Bishop, also, was class poet, took a Phi Beta Kappa key and won the second Blatchford oratorical prize. Barhydt won the second prize for the Allen essay. We had a better representation on the commencement

stage than any other fraternity in college.

Our present freshman class is somewhat smaller than usual, because, perhaps, Union has as yet no permanent president. We were pleased, however, to find three new professors on the faculty, Prof. Wright, Prof. Truax, and Prof. Huffman, all of whom are able men. Although eighty-nine is not a large class, Nu will have a strong delegation from it. We have already three of its members pledged, and also one member of '88, who entered this year, every one of whom has received one or more propositions from other fraternities in college; two other men, also of '89, will, we think, be drawn into our number. The campaign has been a warm one, some of the other fraternities, especially Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Alpha Delta Phi, having worked hard to win the men we have won. So far, however, we have been the victors in every instance. The following table shows the number of men in each fraternity in college:

	'86	'87	'88	'89	Totals.
Sigma Phi.....	0	2	0	0	2
Delta Phi.....	0	5	1	3	9
Alpha Delta Phi..	2	4	0	1	7
Delta Upsilon.....	4	3	3	0	10
Psi Upsilon.....	4	1	3	3	11
Phi Delta Theta...	5	2	3	0	10
Kappa Alpha	2	1	4	1	8
Beta Theta Pi.....	0	3	5	3	11

Any one can draw his conclusion of our strength from the above. We trust that all other chapters of Beta Theta Pi may be blessed with equal success.

Philip H. Cole, Cor. Sec.

October 1, 1885.

Ohio University.

The students have returned from the plow—for every member of our chapter is a farmer—with tawny faces. The past year has been one of marked prosperity for the O. U., and for Beta Kappa chapter, and, though our Phi Delta Theta friends reported a year ago that we were "struggling for a mere existence," there was no time during the year that our number was not greater than that of our rivals. In character and scholarship we were certainly not inferior. The average scholarship of each was as follows: Beta Theta Pi, 88; Delta Tau Delta, 87; Phi Delta Theta, 85.

The college has undergone extensive repairs during the summer. New heating apparatus has been put into the main building and the new chapel and society halls. The classical old east wing is no longer remarked about as being unsightly, but is now rendered attractive by a thorough "remodelization."

The spirit of pan-hellenism runs high. The Deltas have made one initiation, and the Phis have captured four "kids", two of whom have not yet emerged from knee-pants. We have made no initiations this term, having initiated our three pledged members, H. Fontes, Dell Johnson, and J. M. Johnson, at the end of the spring term. One of the last happenings of commencement week was a grand, old-fashioned, one-dollar-a-plate banquet by our chapter. This was remarked by all present as being one of the most enjoyable banquets that the chapter has ever given; and, in fact, a banquet *must* be lively when Mays, Jewett, and Goodspeed are present.

It is our painful duty to inform the chapters of Beta Theta Pi that, at our regular meeting, June 24th, we expelled Mr. W. W. Watkins. Mr. Watkins had been a faithful member throughout the year, and his expulsion for stealing money seemed a hard blow to the chapter; but as one breachy sheep will spoil a whole flock, so will one dishonest member lower the standing of a whole chapter.

We notice with pleasure the appearance of the new journal of Kappa Alpha Theta, since O. U. boasts of a most excellent chapter of that society.

We begin work this year with nine good men. Brothers C. E. Skinner and C. H. Fouts are not with us. The former will study mechanical engineering at the Ohio State University, and the latter's health will not permit his return before spring.

Chas. H. Higgins, Cor. Sec.
October 13, 1885.

Cumberland.

The members of Mu have again met, clasped hands, and talked of future brothers. Eleven of last year's men are back; and brother Jno. J. G. Ruhm now meets and counsels with us. He attends the law school, and Mu is proud of him, both as a student and as a congenial Beta. At his solicitation brothers C. L. Junger-

man, Joe C. Guild, C. W. Beale, and A. G. Hall came down and took part in the initiation of three members of the law class. After a very impressive dog-speech, by brother Hall, the canine was brought forth, and the three babes, brothers Brannum, of Missouri; Drifoos, of this city, and Epps, of eastern Tennessee, recovered their presence of mind and partook heartily of their first *Δορυ*—all joining in the chorus. We appreciate the assistance and visit of our worthy brothers from Nashville, and extend them a cordial invitation to come again when circumstances will permit.

Very friendly relations exist between us and our rivals, who have initiated several men, none of whom, however, have been "spiked" by us. There are in attendance here many men belonging to fraternities that have no chapters in the university.

We have but four men in mind. We now number fifteen, and expect brother J. H. Miller to return soon. Mu is flourishing, and is wide-awake to her own interest and that of the fraternity at large. We are confident of success. We approve the open letter in the September magazine, and are very much in favor of uniformity in circular letters.

Hallett Harding, Cor. Sec.
September 28, 1885.

Brown.

Once more a summer's dust has been swept from our hall and its walls echo with true Beta eloquence. This fall we returned with a force of nine men, having lost, since our last semi-annual report, seven brothers. Six graduated with '85, and one, brother Hutchinson, of '88, has gone to Princeton. It was not without a feeling of sadness that we held our first meeting. We sincerely missed the brothers that have gone out into the world—from the careful guidance of mother Kappa. As soon, however, as the chapel bell had rung, on Wednesday morning, September 16th, we set to work in earnest, and before the twenty-fourth we had pledged three men, making a delegation in '89 that has not been equalled by any of our rivals. Having pledged two others in the spring, we now have a delegation of five—all strong, influential men. I might say here that not only have we secured *all* that we asked, but others are waiting outside

our doors, ready and willing to be asked. The names of our '89 men are as follows: Frederick H. Briggs, Boston, Mass.; Arthur F. Clarke, Providence, R. I.; Charles A. Sawyer, Malone, N. Y.; C. Francis Smith, Jamestown, N. Y.; Robert L. Spencer, Providence, R. I. Last Friday evening we initiated three Beta babes; and it is most satisfactory to know that one-half of those who sat down to our *dopy* were members of our alumni chapter. Again it is our duty to mention the earnest efforts and active interest manifested by three Beta noblemen towards their old chapter. They are like guardian *angel(l)s* set to watch over us. No Friday evening passes but some one of them drops in upon us to make our meetings still more interesting.

Since September, 1885, there has been a marked change in the college govern-

ment. Electives, which previously have been the privilege of upper-classmen only, have been introduced into the sophomore year, thereby making the course much more interesting. We question, however, the advisability of the other change, namely, the admission of of "preps" by certificate from certain specified schools. There seems to be little if no change in our rivals—although in senior elections matters were somewhat revolutionized, inferior societies filling the places which have long been held by societies of higher social standing and influence.

Any wandering Beta who may chance upon our magazine—let him remember not to come near Providence without a call upon Kappa.

Harry T. Sherman, Cor. Sec.
October 3, 1885.

THE BETAS.

Knox.

'64. BENJ. P. MARSH, M.D., is a homeopathic physician, with a large practice, in Bloomington, Ill.

Wittenberg.

'84. S. E. GREENAWALT, now in the theological school, has been preaching this summer near Bucyrus, O. He has just been appointed chief assistant secretary of District VI.

'88. G. G. ATKINS has entered the Ohio State University, at Columbus, O.

Amherst.

'84. TUFTS holds the tutorship in mathematics in Amherst College.

'85. PHELPS is professor of Greek in Washburn College, Topeka, Kans.

'85. TOWER is at the *Homestead* office, in Springfield, Mass.

'85. STONE is with the *Hampshire Herald*, Northampton, Mass.

'85. STEVENS' address is Evanston, Ill.

'85. WOODIN is teaching at Cherokee Seminary, Taberquah, I. T.

'85. SCARBOROUGH's address is P. O. Box 1123, Cincinnati, O.

'85. RUSSELL's address is Massillon, O.

'86. WHITE has been appointed teacher of Greek in the Amherst high school during his senior year.

Ohio University.

'88. C. E. SKINNER has gone to the Ohio State University, to take a course in mechanical engineering.

Denison.

'81. JUDSON L. PHILIPS, of Alliance, O., was married, October 8th, 1885, to Miss Elizabeth Black, of Plain City.

Madison.

'86. W. E. WEED is an associate editor of the *Madisonensis*.

'87. HOMER C. LYMAN is the business manager of the *Madisonensis*.

'87. W. H. CRAWSHAW has been appointed assistant in essays. He is also an associate editor of the *Madisonensis*.

Kenyon.

'84. GEO. ELLIOTT BENEDICT has been quite ill with malarial fever at his home in Cincinnati.

'84. IRVING TODD, who has been connected with the grammar school here since his graduation, has accepted a position with Robert Clarke & Co., of Cincinnati.

'85. LON. M. SNYDER is studying law in Galion. He and brother Mayo made the chapter a short visit at the beginning of the term.

'88. ALBERT C. WHITAKER was with the chapter for a few days, but has decided to help along the iron industry in Wheeling next year.

Ohio Wesleyan.

'78. REV. JOHN R. SHANNON, of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, received a unanimous call to the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Louisville, which is the leading church of the denomination in that city; and at the recent session of the Kentucky Conference he was transferred and stationed at that church.

'82. C. M. C. WEEDMAN is cashier of the John Weedman Bank, of Farmer City, Ill.

'86. ELMER E. PAINE, formerly of the Ohio State University, is editing a paper in Xenia, O., and was recently married.

University of Mississippi.

'82. W. T. McDONALD will be a representative from the counties of Benton and Tippah in the next session of the Mississippi legislature.

'82. J. C. HARRIS, of Ripley, Miss., has lately visited the chapter.

'82. W. H. CLARK, a prominent young lawyer of Rankin county, has been nominated by the democracy of that county to represent it in the next legislature.

'82. Another deserving son of Beta Beta has had a new honor conferred upon him. DABNEY MARSHALL, convention poet of '85, has been chosen the annual orator for the literary societies of the university.

'85. R. F. COCHRAN, the valedictorian of last year's law class, visited the chapter for a few days at the opening of the session.

Brown.

'79. C. H. J. DOUGLAS, after having enjoyed the best Beta fellowship for something like a decade, in four different chapters (Kappa, four years; Alpha Chi, one year; Lambda, three years; Alpha Pi, one year), now feels as if he were stranded high and dry by the stream of time; having got into an institution where the "national fraternity" has no chapter, and can have none. He has resigned the position he held, as instructor in the University of Wisconsin, to accept the chair of history and English literature in the Milwaukee high school, succeeding in that work Principal Mapel, who has been elected president of the new State Normal School in that city. Brother D.'s address is 168 Division street, and he says he will "be glad to grasp the paw of any dog-gone Greek who comes his way."

'84. A. D. COLE has been elected professor of physics and chemistry in Denison University.

Northwestern.

'75. The REV. FRANK STOUT has been re-appointed to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Danville, Illinois, which is considered the best appointment in the Central Illinois Conference.

The following are the addresses of Betas in the Rock River (Ill.) Methodist Episcopal Conference, as fixed at its recent session at Elgin: C. H. CESSNA, ex-'84, Nunda; FRED. H. SHEETS, '82, Oregon; C. W. THORNTON, '77, Mendota. This is Cessna's first appointment since graduating from Garrett Biblical Institute. Sheets is also at his first appointment, but it is his third year there. Thornton has just completed a very successful three years' term at Sandwich, Ill.,

and his appointment to Mendota is a promotion.

'79. ISAAC E. ADAMS, of Chicago, has returned from Europe.

'85. DAVID H. BLOOM, the new chief of District VII, of Beta Theta Pi, is in the Chicago Law School.

'85. S. L. BODDY and E. D. HUXFORD are at home, in Cherokee, Iowa, the former meditating studying law and the latter medicine.

'85. G. C. MANLEY, of the Denver Rhos, has entered the law school of the University of Michigan.

'85. W. D. FULLERTON is teaching in the Walnut Hills Preparatory School, Cincinnati. Address, 560 McMillan street.

Wooster.

'77. REV. CHARLES L. COODER has been called to a pastorate in the Presbyterian Church of Lebanon, Pa.

'80. F. D. TAGGART is a successful attorney at Hastings, Neb.

'84. WILL. R. POMERENE, who spent three years in the Ohio State University, is studying law with his father in Coshocton, O.

'84. JOS. A. CULLER takes a position as principal of the high school in Kenton, O., where EDW. P. DEAN, '76, has been superintendent of schools for several years.

'85. DICK MOORE will read law the coming year in Dayton, Ohio.

'85. ED. WEAVER is in business at Canton, Ohio.

'85. J. C. CONWAY will read medicine this year.

'85. FRANK B. PEARSON has lately removed from Columbus, O., to St. Paul, Minn., where he takes a professorship of Latin and English in McAllester College, a new and promising institution opened there under the presidency of Rev. T. A. McCurdy, D. D. Brother Pearson's efficiency in the position of college secretary last year makes it a matter of regret that he cannot be retained this year.

'87. JOE. M. ESTEP has left college to enter Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., where he will study architecture.

WM. H. HOUSER is in business at Cadiz, O.

J. NEWTON BROWN is in attendance at the Miami University this year.

BILLY BARNETT is employed in the Furnace Works at Dayton, O.

Union.

'80. A. H. DOUGHERTY has been spending two or three months with his parents at Three Rivers, Mich. He will soon return to his studio, in Albany, N. Y., where he has, during the last two years, gained an honorable position among artists.

'81. J. J. HENNING has charge of the Presbyterian church at Princetown, N. Y.

'81. W. B. LANDRETH is the chief of engineers employed on the sewers at Schenectady, and has been appointed the city engineer of the same city.

'82. H. C. HINDS is preaching in the Park Place Chapel, at Schenectady, N. Y.

'83. J. R. VAN NESS is studying law at Northville, N. Y.

'84. F. DIXON HALL made Nu a visit last

e is occupied in looking after his business and farming near Antwerp,

B. BISHOP is teaching at Warsaw,

E. CRANE is a member of the corps at Schenectady.

C. EGELSTON is teaching, and studying at Chicago, Ill.

H. ROBINSON is in Princeton Theological Seminary.

W. BARHYDT is at a theological school in Middletown, Conn.

W. VAN VRANKIN is studying law at Schenectady, N. Y.

W. DEBAUN is at the Albany Medical College.

E. CHUTE is at the School of Physicians, New York City.

T. W. KASTENDIECK is at the School of Medicine, New York City.

University of Wisconsin.

CHARLES FORD HARDING, one of the members of Alpha Pi, and her dear friend, was married July 15th to Miss M. Hoyer, U. W., '77.

MES P. PAINE, until recently copyist of the Supreme Court, has gone to Colorado, to practice law.

J. M. T. DODSON is practicing law in Madison, and is an enthusiastic and active member of Beta Theta Pi.

HENRY B. FAVILL, another of Alpha Pi, and active resident alumni, died June 17th, to Miss Susan B. Pratt, of New York City.

HOWARD H. SMITH has established himself in the practice of law in Madison, and has associated with Prof. J. H. Carpenter, at No. 111 Main street. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the University with the class of '81, and of the University law class of '85. During his law career he was regarded as an unusually able lawyer. His great strength, however, is in debate; he is logical, eloquent and confident. While yet a student in the University he made a political address in the Capitol, in which he previously delivered by Col. Vilas, and for that occasion was so brilliant that he gained a reputation which might almost be called national in its character. Mr. Smith won the Lewis prize upon graduation, for a year was the principal of the law schools, where he gave universal satisfaction. The following year he spent in Europe, and entered the law school. His success for him great success; he is certainly qualified, by nature and education, to—*State Journal* (Madison), Sept. 8.

E. G. MCGILTON, who graduated from the University in 1883, and from the law school is located, in the practice of law, in St. Louis. He occupies rooms 27 and 28 in the building of Commerce. The many friends of Mr. McGilton expect to see him at the front in his profession."—*State Journal* (Madison), Sept. 14.

P. STODDARD has been appointed clerk of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, and will prosecute his law studies in the State of Wisconsin.

'85 (Law). F. A. TRALL will engage in the practice of law with his father, at Eau Claire.

'85 (Law). FRED. M. STEPHENSON takes charge of his large lumber and milling interests at Menominee, Mich.

'87. RUSSELL H. SMITH, of Chicago, enters the office of E. E. Snyder, 79 Dearborn street, as architect and draughtsman.

University of North Carolina.

'59. We have lately received a copy of the memorial of STEPHENS CROOM, prepared by a committee of the Mobile Bar Association, and in January spread upon the minutes of the Chancery Court of Mobile. The memorial is such a complete and discriminating sketch of the life and character of our deceased brother, that we give it in full, with the exception of a few sentences of the more formal part at the beginning and at the end.

"At Asheville, N. C., on the morning of the 29th of July, 1884, while attended by those who were nearest and dearest to his heart, and while sustained by all the consolations of the Christian faith, the pure and knightly spirit of Stephens Croom peacefully passed beyond the limits of our horizon to shine in a higher sphere. In the loss of one so young, so gifted and so noble, the members of this bar have been touched by a sense of personal bereavement, which this committee can neither express nor conceal.

"Stephens Croom, the only son of William Whitfield Croom and Julia Stephens, was born in the town of Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida, December 12th, 1839. There the first twelve years of his life were passed, under the guidance and tuition of his mother. In 1851 he was sent to preparatory schools in the state of New York, where he remained until he was prepared to enter a university. When offered his choice between Yale and Chapel Hill, his heart naturally impelled him to choose the latter—the favored institution of the State in which both his father and mother were born. In 1856 he entered the University of North Carolina, where he was graduated in 1859, with the second honor of his class. After his graduation he selected the law as his profession, and after pursuing a period of study in the office of the Hon. Wade Keys, at Montgomery, he was admitted to the bar in 1861. But from the threshold of his professional career he turned away to answer the call of his country. He enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861 as a private in the company of Captain George Field, which was assigned to the 11th Alabama Regiment as Company 'B.' At Manassas Junction the young soldier won the friendship of Col. John H. Forney, who, upon his promotion to the rank of brigadier general, made him his adjutant general, with the rank of captain. He accompanied Gen. Forney to the Mississippi department, with the rank of major, and was on his staff during the siege of Vicksburg. After the surrender of that city he became a member of Gen. Loring's staff and was with the army of Gen. Johnston during his retreat in Georgia. But he was soon ordered to join Gen. Forney, then in command of the trans-Mississippi department, and remained with him until May, 1865, when the general and his staff were paroled at Galveston, Texas. After the war Major Croom opened a law office in Mont-

gomery with Mr. Geo. Goldthwaite, but in a short time thereafter the attachment which he had formed for Mobile during his sojourn here as a soldier led him to select this city as his home. After passing some years in the office of Messrs. Hamiltons, he opened a law office of his own, and in time became a partner of the late Thomas H. Herndon. In the politics of the county he was a conspicuous figure, and he was more than once rewarded with responsible and important public offices. As city attorney, and as one of the commissioners to settle the debt of the late city corporation, he exhibited qualities of the highest order. In every station that he was called upon to fill—as soldier, lawyer, citizen—our lamented brother was faithful, able, and earnest. Nature had endowed him with talents with a lavish hand, and these talents he had been careful to improve by thorough education. His general accomplishments as a scholar were so extensive that either as speaker or as writer he was equal to the necessities of any occasion. As a lawyer he was learned, diligent and distinguished; as a counselor he was cautious and trustful; as an advocate he had few superiors. But all these qualities of his mind, splendid as they were, were overshadowed by the singular purity of his character, and by the nobleness of his heart. Like all brave and earnest men, he was as modest as a woman and as gentle as a child. Frank, affectionate, and confiding with his friends and faithful to his attachments even unto death, he laid hold upon the hearts of many men with a grasp which has endured even beyond the grave."

De Pauw.

'49. HON. DANIEL W. VOORHEES' speech, delivered in the Johnson-Henry case, at Greenville, Tenn., has been published in pamphlet form.

'80. CHAS. B. KETCHAM died at Washington, D. C., on September 28th, after an illness of two weeks. We know nothing of his death beyond what is contained in the following telegrams to the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*.

"September 28.—Mr. Charles B. Ketcham, of the staff of the Associated Press, died at his rooms on L street at 3 o'clock this morning, after an illness of two weeks. The disease was malignant typhoid fever. Mr. Ketcham was the son of Dr. Ketcham, a well-known Methodist divine, now stationed at New Albany, Ind. He was educated at Greencastle, and went from there to accept a responsible position on the staff of the Kansas City *Journal*.

"After a residence of several years in Missouri he came here, and had for the past two years been one of the valued attaches of the association in whose service he died. He was a young gentleman of the highest sense of honor, of a quiet demeanor and of much promise in his profession. He stood high in the confidence and esteem of all his associates, and the sorrow occasioned by his death is most sincere and universal among them."

"September 29th.—Rev. Dr. Ketcham arrived early this morning and this afternoon at 3:30 left for New Albany with the remains of his son, the late Mr. Chas. B. Ketcham. Brief services

were held at the residence, 1309 L street, where Mr. Ketcham died, and were attended by a large number of journalists and other friends of the deceased. Rev. Dr. Nailor, of the Foundry Methodist Church, officiated in a feeling manner, and in a short address following the reading of the service for the dead, paid a just and touching tribute to the talents and the character of the departed gentleman.

"The floral tributes were of beautiful and appropriate designs. Prior to the funeral services there was held a meeting of resident journalists at the rooms of the Associated Press on Fifteenth street. The attendance was large and the meeting was presided over by Mr. David R. McKee, manager of the press, with whom Mr. Ketcham's relations in life had been of an intimate and most cordial character. Resolutions expressive of the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Ketcham were drafted and passed, and a number of gentlemen addressed the chair to express their sense of sincere personal sorrow at the truly sad event that had called them together."

'85. WM. H. MASTERS is assistant principal of the high school at Lebanon, Ind.

University of Kansas.

'75. FRANK P. MACLENNAN has sold the *Emporia Daily News*.

'76. REGENT C. W. SMITH was in Lawrence, a few days ago, attending a meeting of the Board.

'82. L. W. LUSCHER is medical director of the island of Formosa.

'83. EDMUND BUTLER took the degree of LL. B. at Yale last year, and is now practicing law in Montana Territory.

'83. G. F. TUCKER graduates at the Harvard Divinity School this year.

'83. J. G. SMITH completes the law course at Ann Arbor the coming year.

'84. H. T. SMITH is candidate for county attorney for Lyman county, Kans.

Washington and Jefferson.

'43. In the editorial department of the foremost newspaper for lawyers, we find the following tribute to the late RICHARD T. MERRICK:

"The death of Mr. Richard T. Merrick, of Washington, is a serious loss to the legal profession. Mr. Merrick was not only an excellent and very distinguished lawyer, but a man of the noblest and most amiable character, who really adorned and dignified his profession. Doubtless his severe labors in the great Star Route trials did much to shorten his life, and we regard his end very much as we regard General Custer's—it is pitiful that a life so valuable and beautiful should have been sacrificed by the most worthless of mankind. But he died, as he had lived, loyal to duty and to his country, and his brethren will not soon forget him."—*The Albany Law Journal*, vol. 32, p. 21.

'78. J. L. THISTLE is in Philadelphia, attending the Jefferson Medical College.

'81. H. P. CHAMBERS is in Washington, Pa., in the drug business.

'84. J. M. CLARK is in New York, attending the Columbia Law School.

COLLEGE NOTES.

students of Maine State College
indend a monthly newspaper, *The*

residencies of Union College, the
ty of Chicago, the University of
ia, and Vassar College are now

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f Chicago have been sold in fore-
f a mortgage; and the institution

ame of the Illinois Industrial Uni-
as been changed to "The Univer-
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large collections of works of art
cently been given to Michigan
ty. It is also to receive the
exhibited at New Orleans by the
government. A still more useful
mes from Mr. C. H. Buhl, of
who presents some 5,000 volumes
aw library.

University of Cincinnati is at-
a larger number of students than
fore. It has always had a good
and the election of ex-Gov. Jacob
to the presidency gives the uni-
what it has most needed, a firm
the respect of the citizens. Ex-
x is still dean of the law school,
surviving department of the Cin-
College; but there is no immediate
that the college and the univer-
be consolidated.

New York *Evening Post* recently
n giving a somewhat extended
ndence on the subject of the
of "cribbing" among American
students. There seem to be about
varieties of opinion upon the
whether the practice is increas-
ie paper has correspondents. If
try of opinion brought out in so
ard a way is of any value, it may
to record here that the weight of
as expressed through the columns
ost is rather against the idea that
tice is at present on the increase,
ion confirmed by our own ob-
1.—*The University.*

THE alumni of Yale are making a
vigorous effort to modernize the institu-
tion. The changes proposed will take the
management of the college out of the
hands of the orthodox Congregational
ministers of Connecticut, will transfer the
control to the alumni, will introduce elec-
tive studies much more liberally than here-
tofore, and will change the name to Yale
University.

THE University of Pennsylvania finds
itself embarrassed with the Seybert be-
quest of \$60,000 for an investigation of
spiritualism. A commission was ap-
pointed to attend seances. A friend of
the donor charges that the members were
too strongly prejudiced against spiritual-
ism to give it a fair trial. He says that
while in attendance upon the seances
they were not in a proper frame of mind
to discern the things of the spirit world.
Their deep-seated hostility prevented any
manifestation in their presence. It is
intimated that litigation with the heirs of
Seybert may follow.—*Boston Tran-*
script.

As a result of the conference of col-
lege presidents and professors and
masters of preparatory schools, held in this
city on Friday and Saturday, there has
been formed "the New England Asso-
ciation of Colleges and Preparatory
Schools," an organization comprising
many of the earnest workers in the field
of higher education, who are animated by
a desire to equalize the requirements for
entrance to New England colleges, and
to assimilate courses of study in prepara-
tory schools, so far as such equalization
and assimilation can be accomplished
without requiring backward steps to be
taken by the more advanced institutions.
To work out the details of this task will
require an earnest desire and much
patience. All are agreed that the existing
condition of affairs in the preparatory
schools is unsatisfactory, and that the
blame for it rests largely on the colleges.
All seem to be agreed that there is no in-
surmountable obstacle to the revision by
the colleges of the requirements for en-
trance examinations. The masters of the
preparatory schools complain that at
present, in any class of boys seeking ad-

mission to college, some want to take one course required at a certain college to which they wish to go, while others want to take other courses, covering similar ground and representing a similar amount of application and training, in order to enter other colleges. The college presidents admit that much of this friction may be prevented. The next step to be taken is to ascertain what common studies all students in preparatory schools may pursue, no matter to what college they intend going. Some would like to make the course all-inclusive, but, as President Eliot pointed out, this will be impracticable, for the time being at least. It will be a gain if any considerable amount of preparatory work can be made uniform. When this is done, the secondary problems as to admission to any college by certificates from the best schools, and admission to one college on the certificate of another, can more readily be taken up for solution. It was pointed out, in the course of the discussion on the needless diversity in preparatory studies, that it might become necessary to have a paid, permanent council, composed of representatives of the various colleges and some of the leading schools, with authority to prepare uniform papers for the college entrance examinations. It is not unlikely that the new association will move to secure the formation of such a council. Once given power, there is no foreseeing how far it might go on inducing all colleges to adopt requirements for entrance which should differ only in degree.—*Boston Advertiser*.

THE question of the part which the alumni in our educational institutions shall have in their ultimate direction and government, is beginning to receive lively attention in various parts of the country. It reaches to the roots of the system of our higher education. It is, in another form, the question whether these institutions shall continue to be managed by close corporations or whether the alumni in each college shall have some degree of authority in its direction. It is the question whether a wholly conservative or a partially conservative and moderately progressive policy shall be adopted in their management. It involves the question whether they shall be maintained on the exclusively religious grounds in which they were originally

based, or shall widen out to institutions as representative of American life, as Oxford and Cambridge have become in their relation to Great Britain. Shall these universities and colleges hold their places as exclusive institutions for educational training, or shall they in a measure reflect, as all other institutions in America, including the churches, reflect, the spirit of our free and democratic life? This is really the point that is at the bottom of these questions, taken in their broadest bearing, and in this form the management of our universities and colleges is properly a public question. Harvard has responded to this question by allowing the alumni to have some share in its management, though the finances are in the hands of a close corporation. Harvard has responded to the extent that it has caught, in its management of studies, the spirit of the age, and in doing this has interested its alumni far and near in the support of the university. It rallies its best men to its support, and its bequests, largely from its graduates, are among the wonders of the nineteenth century. Its conspicuous rival in New England is not merely at odds with Harvard in regard to elective studies, but has studiously pursued a course that has held the alumni at bay—as if they had no rights or interest in the management of the institution. Yale, unlike Harvard, has held rigidly to two points—its origin as an institution to propagate New England orthodoxy and its traditional position as the home of the classics. The old lines are still almost intact on these points, and the old spirit of “hands off” is still manifested toward those who constitute the party known as “Young Yale” and desire to see the institution respond to the modern spirit. Herein lies an issue which has been promptly met at Harvard, and cannot for many years be postponed at Yale. At the recent commencement of the latter institution the dead-lock was plainly manifest. The alumni showed their points, and men like Dr. Woolsey and President Porter, who represent the spirit of the corporation and would keep Yale within the religious and intellectual swathing bands which it has outgrown, were conspicuous by their silence. The popular lead which an institution should foster on its great anniversary days was absent, and the spirit of the occasion was that the alumni were not wanted nearly so much as their money. But the spirit

distinguishes between the interests aduates in their *alma mater* and the they bring to her shrines is a wrong and so long as the corporation and rs of Yale behave in this way they rofoundly injuring the institution of

which they are the custodians. The two parties at Yale are at a dead-lock, and the battle in America for a fair representation of graduates in the management of our literary and educational institutions is to be fought there.—*New York Herald*.

MISCELLANY.

The History of Fraternities at Miami.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* lately given, in two articles, a history of the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter, the alpha, at Miami. As the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter, founded in 1852, was an outgrowth of the parent chapter of Phi Theta, which was founded in 1848, and as the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter is split and half of its members joined Sigma Chi, the articles, if adequate, necessarily throw light on the history of two of the three fraternities that started at Miami. From the first of the two articles, the one by Dr. J. Kemper, we take the following passages regarding the reasons why the members of the Kappa went from Phi Theta to Delta Kappa Epsilon :

There was but one Greek fraternity, as we then knew, at that time, in the institution. Its existence was unimportant, except to its members and a portion of the faculty. Some of its members were too much imbued with a sense of its importance. It was understood to be controlled by members of the faculty who did not belong to the fraternity, although the instrumentality of certain of its members.

Those to whom this dominance was agreeable were disinclined to resign their places. They were attached to their places and hoped to attain better things in the future. And yet they were influenced more and more by the petty jealousy. Not that they had transgressed anything; not that they intended to do anything wrong; not that they would

leave any duty unfulfilled or slighted. But they felt that they had a right to be free in this one particular. It seemed to them necessary for their best interests, of which they felt themselves competent to judge, that there should be some field in which they could exercise their mental and moral faculties untrammelled by governing guidance. How could they ever become independent actors in life unless they made a beginning? This was their opportunity to essay their powers without incurring hurt from failure. They were not recreant to the vow sealed by a mother's parting kiss; they were not unmindful of their pledged word to an honored father. The very manliness that sprang full-armed into being at the recollection of these tokens, the lodestones of their life, was what made them revolt against what they considered the mean espionage of faculty control. They were honorable; why should they be smirched by suspicion? They were true; why should their veracity be doubted? They were loyal; why could they not be trusted? Their rectitude was unimpeachable; why might they not freely exercise their individual judgment on this one point?

"Under such influence, such feelings must soon culminate in some decisive action.

"They were twelve in number. They were divided into sixes. An issue was soon made. The dominant party, instigated, as was supposed, by their governors in the faculty, proposed to enact total abstinence. The discussion of the temperance question that followed was unparalleled. The audience was, indeed,

small, but the exhaustion of the subject, discussed night after night and week after week, was complete. The total abstainers had the advantage of being coached by their friends in the faculty; besides which they had adroitly made one of their opponents the presiding officer, thus securing six votes to five. The five were conscious that they were fighting the unnamed members of the faculty. They admitted the importance and duty of temperance in all things. Total abstinence from all that produced intoxication they believed to be essential for the young. They were willing to declare all this, and to promote it to the best of their ability in every right way. But they denied both the right and the efficacy of a force bill to accomplish it. "God does not attempt to, and, in the nature of things, could not, if he would, make Christians by force," exclaimed the youngest of them. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Springfield, Ill., nearly thirty years afterward, took about the same ground on the temperance question that these young men did, of their own motion, in the simple-hearted and true wisdom of their dawning manhood. They were disposed to do the right thing in the right way. To do it in a wrong way would certainly do more harm than good. Moral suasion, acting upon the heart and mind, producing permanent convictions and the courage to assert them in habitual conduct, makes a man temperate by nature. His nature must change before he can be habitually intemperate. Compulsory temperance is simply unnatural temperance. From unnatural restraint everyone will revolt whenever there is opportunity. And, alas! when the revolt comes in the case of one who is a total abstainer from alcohol by compulsion, there is every tendency and no barrier to utter ruin.

"Their arguments were accompanied with never-to-be-forgotten eloquence in appeals of the most tender affection. But even tears pleaded in vain. The edict was passed.

"Without concert of action, one after another of the opposition left the scene of their contest with a regretful "Good-by, boys!" Under the elm in the campus they collected and waited until the advent of the presiding officer completed their number. Did they shout? They did, for a fact! Yet they felt they had challenged the criticism and displeasure of the

faculty, and their future college career would be difficult. They, however, pledged their loyalty to truth and rectitude, and, as if in the shadow of the coming event, vowed to be comrades and 'friends from the heart always.' Enthusiastically resolving to meet the future, whatever it might be, in this spirit, they that night, somewhat grandiloquently, as boys will, christened themselves 'The Immortal Six.'

The editor of the *Quarterly*, in a note, says that the fraternity to which allusion is made at the beginning of the passage we have quoted was Phi Delta Theta. We give the greater part of the editor's note, as follows:

"The Greek status at Miami at this time (December, 1851,) was a peculiarly interesting one. Alpha Delta Phi had a *sub rosa* chapter which had waxed and waned for eighteen years, but had long been so far underground that its existence was unknown, except to its members, and of late a comatose one, even to them. Beta Theta Pi had, for twelve years, led a similar existence. No badge had been regularly worn, but occasional revelations of a pin, and the surprises of open literary society elections, occasionally reminded students and faculty that the Greeks were about. To control a force which they could not destroy, the faculty encouraged the organization of Phi Delta Theta. The split in that organization became so prominent, and the certainty that one, and probably two, fraternities would soon "swing" so great, that the older organizations were forced to take action themselves. So "the Phi war" developed four organizations, which, though their names and exact membership were not known outside, became recognized and were disclosed and known as follows: 1st, the "Phis" (Phi Delta Theta); 2d, the "Alphas" (Alpha Delta Phi); 3d, the "Betas" (Beta Theta Pi); 4th, the "Number Fours" ("Immortal Six"). It was in March, 1852, that the open existence of fraternities at Miami was inaugurated by the "swing" of Kappa, of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Thus early Miami—the earliest western station of Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, the birthplace of three great western fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi—took the place in the Greek history of the West that Union had held in the East. The number twelve, divided equally into sixes, seems to have been a fateful one for Kappa. She owed her existence to such a situation when her founders left Phi Delta Theta; and the great crisis of her history was another such division when, a few years later, six of her then twelve left her hall to found Sigma Chi. When to this is added the building of a chapter hall upon such a foundation as, it is presumable, no other Greeks will use—the two completed stories of the building beneath, it seems as though Kappa at Miami has left peculiar guarantees that she will be remembered."

second historical article is by Hon. I. F. Hunt, and gives the following of the founding of Sigma Chi: "It can safely be said that every chapter of the fraternity has some characteristic peculiar to itself. There is, it is true, no uniform loyalty from Bowdoin to the University of Mississippi, but in every chapter there is an indefinable *something* which attracts young men together in the spirit of a brotherhood. In Kappa Alpha it was the spirit of individuality. In the literary societies of Miami University always occupied much of the attention of the students. They were of high excellence. The libraries afforded many advantages, while questions of literature were discussed with an ability rarely found in a more extended forum. It can be denied that much more confidence is given to parliamentary discussion in western and southern colleges than in eastern institutions of learning. In the latter there may be more of the same. It was not an unusual occurrence to find the halls thronged with students to hear questions discussed by the able leaders. They, accordingly, became the center of a large circle of thought and influence, and the members of the societies were the coveted of the ambitious student. This was characterized the earlier days of the fraternity. Gen. Benjamin P. Runkle, one of the founders of the Sigma Chi fraternity and an initiate of Kappa, of the year 1857, in response to a toast at a meeting of that fraternity, says:

"Brethren of that high-toned Yale fraternity (Delta Kappa Epsilon) were ambitious men, and they must needs control all the literary halls; elect all the presidents, orators, poets, janitors, &c."

It can well be claimed that the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity received more from the literary societies during the first years of her history than all the secret organizations in the university combined.

Its individuality, however, which the chapter asserted itself in at a high degree. Six of the twelve members composing the Kappa chapter withdrew in 1854 and established the Sigma Chi fraternity.

The pages of the *Quarterly* should be devoted to a discussion of the cause of that secession. These causes rather be left to the quiet and reflection of the fraternity hall. The

history of the Kappa chapter, however, would not be complete without some reference to it, and, like the admonition of Cromwell to the painter Lely, truth demands that the facts must be portrayed as they exist. It is very certain that the Sigma Chi fraternity has secured such a recognition in the western and southern colleges that, in the language of General Runkle, "that old and honored society (Delta Kappa Epsilon) has no reason to be ashamed of its offspring, and Sigma Chi may well be proud of so renowned and illustrious an ancestor." General Runkle attributes the secession to King Caucus. He thus describes it:

"Well, we held a caucus and all went well and smoothly, so far as the election of our orator. Indeed, it could not be otherwise, for had we not the silver-tongued Whitelaw Reid, inexhaustible as to his words, and elegant as to his ideas? But when it came to imposing a poet on a long-suffering university the rebellion broke out. Six of us entered the university hall, and voted against the caucus candidate. This was the unpardonable sin, and the rebels started the Sigma Chi."

"And Gen. Runkle significantly adds:

"These six striplings who founded Sigma Chi were no dreaming enthusiasts, but live, practical boys who loved life for what they found fair and pleasant in life, and the world for the world's own sake. It has been charged that they practiced with too great vigor and earnestness the principles of the "off-duty" motto, "*Dum vivimus vivamus*"; as that glorious fellow and rare genius, Caldwell, was wont to read it, "*Dum bibimus bibamus*." They would rather dwell with congenial spirits in the tents of Sigma Chi than to live with the self-righteous in the moss-grown temple of Delta Kappa Epsilon."

"It is among the traditions of Kappa Alpha chapter that Minor Millikin, with that impetuosity which made him afterwards charge within the Confederate lines, and Whitelaw Reid, with that vigor which afterwards marked his editorials in the *Tribune* in the last campaign, contended for the honor of the fraternity, and insisted, without compromise or concession, that where faith was pledged loyalty should follow. They declared with emphasis that in any contest with the enemy the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity—like Nelson at Trafalgar—had a right to expect that every man would do his duty. And it is remembered, too, that "the loyal six" were decidedly at variance with the founders of Sigma Chi as to the extent to which each member of the chapter should feel himself responsible in honor to so guide his personal conduct

and habits as best to guard the repute of the chapter. Both sides believed in liberty—neither advocated unbridled license. But as to where the line should be drawn, there they differed. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi will agree that the older fraternity stood out for the more compact organization, the greater deference by the individual to the interest of his fellows and the repute and influence of his chapter. No argument can demonstrate which was right. But the career of each has been the natural result of her policy, and, without questioning the satisfaction with herself which Sigma Chi may have earned the right to feel, Delta Kappa Epsilon has found her convictions strengthened by the experience of years."

In short, the Delta Kappa Epsilon version of the "Phi-Deke-Sig" trouble is that the Phis were too moral, that the Sigs were too immoral, and that the Dekes were just moral enough; or, to put it more politely, that the Phis were "hayseeds," that the Sigs were rakes, and that the Dekes were gentlemen.

The Work of the Convention of 1885.

The convention was called to order by General Secretary Hanna in the ladies' ordinary of the Lindell Hotel, at about 1 p. m., Wednesday, August 26th. W. W. Dedrich was chosen temporary chairman, and C. A. Hall temporary secretary. A committee on credentials and permanent organization was appointed, and after the welcoming address of Mayor Francis, responded to by Major W. C. Ransom, the convention took a recess.

In the next session, Wednesday afternoon, a permanent organization was effected, and ex-Governor B. Gratz Brown, of the St. Louis alumni, was elected president. W. O. Robb read the report of the Directors for the year 1884-5, which showed that everything was in prosperous condition. While the convention was waiting for the appointment of the standing committees, some songs were suggested and sung with hearty feeling. After the standing committees were announced, the convention adjourned until Thursday morning.

Shortly after the convention was called to order on Thursday morning, ex-Governor Brown came in, and upon taking the chair made some pleasant and appropriate remarks. A dispatch of

congratulation and advice, sent by some of the brothers from Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, was read to the convention. General Secretary J. Cal. Hanna made his report, which was listened to with great interest, and Major Ransom, as Secretary for Alumni Chapters, made a verbal report.

A special committee was appointed to consider the song book question, and it made a verbal report later on:

By a resolution introduced by Major Ransom, the several chapters are to be instructed to send to the chairman of the Committee on Catalogue supplemental lists of the names of members who have been admitted since the publication of the last catalogue, which are to be printed and bound with the unbound volumes of the catalogue that may still be on hand.

The afternoon session was not characterized by any great energy until the Committee on Chapters and Charters made its appearance with a partial report. A discussion then sprang up which bade fair to be of long duration, and hence had to be cut off for the time being, as the time had arrived for a carriage ride arranged by the St. Louis alumni.

The General Treasurer made his report during the afternoon, and a motion was also introduced for the object of suppressing one of the weaker chapters. This latter raised a ripple of excitement, which was allayed, after a little discussion, by the withdrawal of the motion.

Friday was the busy day, and was mostly taken up by the reports of committees, and the discussion of the measures they recommended. The partial report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters was the chief topic of the morning. After considerable manoeuvring, the petition for a new chapter at the Ohio State University was refused and again referred to the Committee on Chapters and Charters, with instructions for further action. In the discussion of that part of the partial report relating to the University of Texas the convention had the great pleasure of listening to an eloquent appeal in behalf of the petition from Dabney Marshall, of Mississippi. The convention concluded that he was working for a good cause, and granted its unanimous vote for the establishment of a new chapter at that university. In

the afternoon session the Committee on Chapters and Charters made a final report, which was adopted, and, in consequence, the General Secretary is instructed to prepare and send singly the petitions for the establishment of new chapters at four institutions to the chapters for a vote, during the next year.

A resolution was adopted instructing the Board of Directors to consider the subject of the semi-centennial anniversary of the fraternity, and to prepare a programme for the same, subject to the action of the forty-seventh annual convention. The chair (brother Ransom) made an important ruling during the morning, by which it was decided that when any chapter is represented in the convention by two members, and these two members disagree on any motion requiring a vote by chapters, the vote of such a chapter shall be considered as cast against the motion before the convention.

A special committee, which had been appointed to consider the matter of gaining a better representation at the future conventions, reported that each chapter should be instructed to contribute ten dollars to the transportation fund. The report was adopted. The assessments are to be paid to the General Treasurer by May 1st. The sum thus to be gained, it is expected, will pay the railroad fare of at least one member from each chapter. It was ordered that the chapters insert in their by-laws a clause requiring every active member to subscribe for the paper; and it was further ordered that each chapter should appoint a special subscription agent to obtain subscriptions from the alumni.

Governor George Hoadly, Columbus, O., was chosen orator for the next convention, and Hon. John S. Wise, Richmond, Va., alternate; Chambers Baird, Jr., of Denver, Col., was chosen poet,

and L. R. Hamberlin, Mobile, Ala., alternate.

The following were elected directors, with terms expiring in 1888: Gen. R. W. Smith, of Chicago, and John W. Heron and John I. Covington, of Cincinnati. J. Cal. Hanna, of Columbus, O., was re-elected General Secretary, and C. J. Seaman, Catalogue Agent; Wm. R. Baird, of New York, was elected Historiographer; and L. C. Hascall, of New York, and M. P. Drury, of Cincinnati, were elected Visiting Officers. The Committee on Finance reported financial matters as in good shape, and reported themselves as particularly well pleased with the showing of the magazine finances. The time for the next convention, at Cincinnati, was fixed for the 25th, 26th and 27th of August, 1886.

Resolutions expressing the thanks of the convention for the very hospitable treatment received at the hands of the St. Louis Betas were adopted. The railroads were thanked for courtesies extended, and resolutions were adopted congratulating the founders of Wooglin-on-Chautauqua on the success of their venture, and wishing them abundant continuance of success in the future. The business being completed, the convention adjourned *sine die*, only to meet again, informally, a few hours later, as a band of hearty *Lopy*-eaters.

W. Teis Smith,

Secretary of the Convention.

Old Numbers of the Magazine.

There is a demand for old numbers of the BETA THETA PI. The Business Manager of the magazine wishes to buy the following numbers: Vol. VI., No. 4; Vol. VIII., No. 1; Vol. X., No. 3; Vol. XII., No. 1. Address Business Manager of the BETA THETA PI, P. O. Box 1525, Cincinnati, O.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

DELTA TAU DELTA has withdrawn the charter of its Kenyon chapter.

PHI DELTA THETA has entered Miami, thus reviving the parent chapter of the fraternity.

DELTA UPSILON has published a catalogue in honor of the semi-centennial of the society. Besides the ordinary matter of catalogues, it contains a history of the society and of its several chapters.

PHI DELTA THETA and Delta Kappa Epsilon have entered Central University. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter is called Iota, in memory of an Iota chapter that the fraternity once had in the Kentucky Military Institute.

SIGMA NU, Kappa Alpha, and Phi Delta Theta now have chapters in the University of Alabama. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is expected every minute. The *Delta*, of Sigma Nu, says that "Delta Kappa Epsilon tried to establish but failed to get the requisite number."

WE ARE informed that Pi chapter of Delta Tau Delta, at Lehigh University, has handed in its charter and the members have tendered their resignations. This was, perhaps, the best chapter of that fraternity, and was composed of ten fine men. They went in a body to the convention at Detroit this summer, and it is rumored that they were not pleased with the convention.—Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*.

THE anti-fraternity laws at the University of Alabama have been repealed. The three fraternities having chapters in the university united in sending representatives to argue the question before a committee of the trustees. The fraternities gained their point, but had to give up the

privilege of voting in the literary societies. The honors that heretofore have been elective will now be assigned by the faculty; for in southern colleges the chief opposition to fraternities comes from the impression that they invariably form cliques to control elections.

A MEMBER of the freshman class at Kenyon College was hazed by the fraternity men, a few nights ago, for having stated that he had received a bid from every "frat" in college. Police and judicial officers were appointed by the fraternities, legal blanks secured for a warrant, subpœnas, etc., and he was given a mock trial. He was condemned to punishment, and treated to a hazing, unpleasant, though not severe. The victim felt much outraged, and telegraphed his father. As yet there have been no further developments.

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FOUR YEARS AND MORE HAVE GONE.

Four years and more have gone,
And yet it seems to me but yester-eve
We lay on verdant crown of "sugar-loaf"
And listened to the dying notes of day,
And watched with quiet joy the full-orb'd sun descend
And twilight spread its mantle o'er the sleepy town
That lay beneath embowered in the trees.

Four years and more have gone,
And yet we seem to linger still, we three,
Upon the summit of that storied mound.
The light has faded from the western sky,
And 'round our grassy couch the misty night descends
That brings with fading forms of life its silence sweet,
As benediction to the passing day.

Four years and more have gone,
And still we seem to see that quiet scene
From "sugar-loaf's" green top—the starry night—
The misty outline of the Rac-co-on—
The faint, uncertain lights that glimmer thro' the trees
To guide belated wanderers 'long the grass-grown streets
And sparkle cheer from Granville's peaceful homes.

Four years and more have gone,
And still we seem to gaze with quiet joy
On old familiar scenes—and there above
The universal canopy of leaves,
On yonder neighboring hill-top 'gainst the northern sky,
An hundred lights from college halls, where bends the pale
And plodding student o'er his nightly task.

Four years and more have gone,
Since we lay dreaming on that lofty couch.
Hearts ne'er the chords of faith and friendship struck
To clearer tones than midst these scenes did ours.
Our hopes for future years we told without reserve,
The loves and hates of each were to the others known,
And joys and sorrows were a common share.

Four years and more have gone,
Since last we looked into the star-lit sky
And read our futures there—no thought of books
Nor morrow's calls to face professors grave;
For what within us burned was not in Physics found,
Nor in the Greek of Homer, nor in Cicero,
Nor in the science of the sun and stars.

Four years and more have gone,
Since there with boyish zeal we stirred the fires
Of restless longing for the living foe
And battles with the world of men and things.
For dull-eyed, pale-faced men the light of midnight oil,
For us the kindly freedom of unfettered night
To let ambition soar to worlds beyond.

Four years and more have gone,
Since, bound by ties of sympathy and love,
—The current of respect ne'er crossed by strife—
We planned and built our castles tall and fair
And felt already in our grasp expected fame,
Then laughed to feel ambition quite annihilate
The intervening years, as in a dream.

Four years and more have gone,
Since there in solemn night, our fortunes cast,
We talked of homes our thrifty hands should raise,
Enriched with vintage of a constant love ;
And how our princely incomes should be daily spent
In travel, books, and just perhaps a little, too,
In sport, with modicum of charity.

Four years and more have gone,
Since, poor in purse yet rich in heart, we said—
Should poverty the hand of either grasp
Or chance deny the wealth of woman's love,
The other two would draw before their cheerful fires
The easy rocker for an honored guest, and fill
His soul with wine of self-forgetfulness.

Four years and more have gone.
How many changes mark the flight of time!
The three who there but yester-eve looked out
On distant futures and the stars, are gone—
Their couch upon the hill by other dreamers filled.
On distant fields they fight the fight with living foes
And build the homes their young ambitions reared.

Four years and more have gone.
The sun still sets beyond the western hill,
The self same shadows of the evening fall,
The self same misty line—the Rac-co-on;
So in our hearts the self same love of yesterday,
So in our distant homes the sweet and welcome thought
That days and years, but nothing more, have gone.

W. C. Sprague.

FRATERNAL CHATS.

I.

Ed H—— and Alfred C——, of a leading western college, were eds, though to a careless observer seemed to have little in common. He son of country parents, who scanty living from a little farm. heroic sacrifices, by painstaking, they were able to send their son to college to fit himself for life. Ed held his position, and by hard and diligent attention had won the high place in his class, and in the eyes of his fellows. Fred, on the other hand, as a city lad, on whom fond parents lavished their wealth. He was meticulously dressed, and, while a poor student, maintained a good position in his class, and was very popular. Soundings from childhood had made him a stranger to the life his comrades led, and their friendship was a case of opposites in conjunction. These two boys, from different societies and apparently entirely unacquainted, had entered the freshman class and, drawn by the endearing and ties of a college secret society and fellowship, had become fast

They thus stated carefully the relation of these two students, because they wished to become familiar to us, as we listened to their conversations and followed the spirit of their discussions. But, in the luxurious apartments of the hotel called Fred, the two were sitting, discussing the events of the evening, when an initiation ceremony had been followed by an extensive

"Fred, how did you like the initiation speeches, and what one did you like best?"

"I liked them ever so much, especially the one of G—— and M——. I tell you all the Betas at D—— are like that. Their chapter is a fine one, and no wonder."

"They both were sharp fellows, and their witty speeches that took me," said those real well, but I tell you, the speech that touched a responsive chord in my heart was the one by Rev. —. It certainly speaks volumes

for our fraternity that an old man like him will stay up till one and two o'clock to feast with young men far his inferiors in age and experience. Did you notice how his eyes sparkled, and how his face beamed, as he spoke of the spirit pervading our fraternity? East, west, north, south, he has traveled and everywhere he has found the same high aims and noble ambitions, the same zealous watch-care over the interests of the order, the same choice selection of kindred souls, the same fraternal love. It was enough to make one's heart beat faster when he spoke in such glowing terms of thirty years' relationship with Beta Theta Pi and showed so plainly his love for the fraternity, and that, too, although his own chapter has been dead and his *alma mater* closed for many years."

"That's a fact. I was surprised at the warmth of his feeling, and I was proud to own him as a brother. I wonder why it is that our alumni are so loyal and devoted to our order. Other fraternities do not seem to be so blessed as we."

"I have often tried to solve that problem. I think that Beta Theta Pi, as a general thing, pays more attention to the alumni than other fraternities do. Our system of semi-annuals, our frequent correspondence, our fraternity journal, all help to keep up interest, and yet I believe the true key to the mystery may be found elsewhere. Take our own case. You and I are extremely unlike in our training and habits; you are rich, and can have anything you wish; I am poor, and have to practice a most rigid economy in order to get along. The temporary advantage you have over me may disappear as we grow older. Don't you think that in future years, when we look back to our college days, we shall praise the order that overlooked differences in birth and wealth, and made us fast friends? I believe, then, that the reason why our alumni are so loyal is that they recognize as a beneficent power the organization that has no false standards of wealth, family, or locality, that has no ranks or degrees, that recognizes merit in rich and poor alike, and

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All this will be of interest to the whole fraternity; but the alumni of the chapter want something more. Tell them of the changes in college government, of the new buildings, of the work in the new laboratory, how the library is at last accessible to the students and is of some tangible value, and do not forget the recent additions to the observatory and the valuable work lately accomplished there. The alumni will like to know whether they will find the chapter every meeting night in the same old hall, and

whether there has been no change in the night and time. They will become envious when they hear that some one who was a member in their days has visited you and fraternized with the new generation. Do not omit the date and place of coming conventions, *trips*, and extra occasions; and make a special solicitation of their subscription to the magazine.

The minimum length of the semi-annual should be three pages. Fancy borders and excessive ornamentation are not to be countenanced. Only black ink and white book paper of good quality are permissible. The size should be invariably as prescribed by the general secretary.

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Ex-Cor. Sec.

EDITORIAL.

WE HAVE MET one or two men who when in college were driven, by outrageous and unmanly conduct on the part of chapter brothers, to sever fraternal ties. They acted conscientiously, at least, and, perhaps, wisely—perhaps, we say, because it may be doubted whether the withdrawing of their good influence and counsel was not to be deplored. Some of these men, by reason of their personal experiences which, of course, are the best teachers—pass sweeping judgment against the college fraternity and spend the balance of their days in hostility to all secret college organizations. We feel sorry for such persons. Our genial old fraternity friend, Dr. Blank, whose heart is bounding like a boy's, even if his locks are silvered, will entertain you by the hour with happy incidents of his college life, and recall with pleasure each day of his fraternity experience; though the pleasure is, to be sure, a sad one, because these pleasant memories are slipping away even as time itself from his grasp. We stood, not long since, in a group of persons, one of whom was the pastor of a

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whereas he has done very little until he has found a proper application for the principle. The merit of the principle—like the value of what we ourselves are just now saying—lies in the application. Accordingly, we advise each and every member of the fraternity to make an immediate application of his opinions regarding extension. The way to do this is to begin by saying that the fraternity should not have at one time more than, say, fifty chapters. Next, take a reasonably complete list of colleges and mark the fifty that seem to you to be the best. This is the place, of course, for applying your theory of extension. Having selected your foremost fifty you know that such of those fifty as now have no chapter of Beta Theta Pi are proper fields for extension. Some of them, of course, are now closed to us by circumstances that may not change for years ; but, certainly, we have within a decade seen greater changes than need occur in order to open to us even the most hostile college—for example, Princeton or Yale. So it will not be right to leave out of the account any one your best fifty. Lastly, if you are right in your selection, in that foremost fifty stands the name of every existing college at which Beta Theta Pi should for a moment think of establishing a chapter.

THE GOOD COLLEGES are not all founded yet. In fact, it may be that the best colleges will be those whose names are not yet dreamt of. Time was when a college was well up to the average if it was endowed with a few hundred books, a few acres, and a few ministers. That time was very good in its way ; but we are sure that it was primitive, and we trust it is gone. In these days, the benefactors of colleges, though not more benevolent than in times past, are richer. Witness the youngest, and one of the wealthiest, of universities, the Johns Hopkins, started with an endowment almost as large as the one that the oldest American institution has spent more than two centuries in gathering. Witness also the latest and largest scheme of all, the university that Senator Leland Stanford, of California, intends to found near San Francisco, with an endowment of twenty million dollars. Money alone does not make a fine university, to be sure ; but money goes a great way towards making a fine university possible, and if joined with intelligent management money can in a year or two make a university almost as good as the oldest. When you are making up your list of colleges at which Beta Theta Pi can afford to establish chapters, leave at least ten charters for colleges that have not yet been founded, or for existing colleges that by some miracle may attain exceptionally high rank by and by. We must keep room for all that are worthy now and for all that may be worthy hereafter.

IN THE NATURE OF THINGS, the probability is that of colleges now in existence the ones in the lead will stay in the lead. The excellent books that stand at the foundation of liberal education contain fables regarding snails and hares. It may be that those well-meaning fables have made some youth believe that snails actually win races; but the deep student of natural history knows better. Besides, the fables themselves teach that the snail had no chance of winning unless the hare went to sleep; whence we learn—well, whence we learn, or might learn, a great many useful things, doubtless, if we had the patience and folly to continue to use an allegory when plain English is easier and better. The fact is that the most successful colleges have, almost necessarily, the most numerous and most powerful friends. If you doubt, make a table of the comparative standing of colleges fifty years ago. The comparative standing of those colleges is substantially the same now. So for any other period. A new college may arise, drawing from a new field, and may rival the older ones; but their position among themselves is unchanged. The change

large and prosperous city church—a man beloved by his people and respected beyond the limits of a state and a denomination. Catching sight of a Greek-letter pin upon one of the company, he said, breaking the course of the conversation, his eyes lighting up with the most sincere pleasure : “ Ah ! a — pin, is it not ? ” Being answered that it was, he continued : “ A long while ago I wore one of those. I helped establish a chapter at —. That was some time ago, I know, but I remember it well. The boys are now men. Old General — was one of them. What a pleasant group of memories that simple emblem brings up ! I left my college in the West and went to an eastern college. My fraternity not being represented there, I joined another, not thinking that my action was inconsistent. I wonder if I could not renew my allegiance to my first love ! ” Thus he continued, carried back on the wings of glad memories to pleasant and profitable fraternity associations. We say we feel sorry for men whose personal experiences have been disappointing and bad, and yet for such we can have no sympathy in their reasoning from this narrow premise to the conclusion that college fraternities are essentially an evil and that no fraternity and no chapter can be beneficial. Their white-haired friend, of equal years, intelligence and faith with themselves, who occupies a neighboring pulpit, or a neighboring pew, says : “ The happiest memories of my boyhood days are those which carry me back to the chapter hall ; the purest and most lasting friendships are those I found in my college fraternity. ” Not, indeed, should this latter brother conclude that all fraternity experience is a blessing, and all chapters are fountains of pure and lasting friendships. Juggle with the arguments *pro* and *con*, and the inevitable conclusion of the sound and pure is that bad men make bad fraternities, good men make good fraternities, and that there are good and there are bad fraternities just as there are good and bad men. No sooner should all fraternity life be argued out of existence on account of its occasional imperfection than should all religions be decried because of occasional unworthy Christians and false faiths.

TEN YEARS AGO the loyalty of the alumni of Beta Theta Pi excited the curiosity of other fraternities and more than one of them set about discovering the reason, and attempting to equal us in the matters of grand conventions, enthusiasm of the “ silver greys,” and the wearing of badges beyond college days. To barbarians the reason is as hidden as ever, while our college presidents and professors, our statesmen, clergymen, and lawyers attend our conventions and banquets at every opportunity. Five years ago the most earnest workers in the fraternity agreed on a system of sending reports of the condition of each chapter and the general fraternity to every alumnus. It was known that, however loyal were our graduate members, the paper, as it was then, did not reach every one of them. Some special communication seemed necessary. As the result, the system of semi-annuals has been embodied in our laws. The object of the circular letter is obvious enough to any one of ordinary common sense, but some cor. secs. persistently neglect to prepare the circular at all or else prepare one that does not attain the object. We warn certain chapters that the chapter-killer will resume his enjoyable vocation when the next batch of semi-annuals reaches him. He has kept quiet lately, but we understand he is making ready for an aggressive campaign.

WE ARE NOT SURE that much good comes from general discussions of the true policy of extension. Not that general principles are not good things. Of course, they are, but, unfortunately, generalities are ornamental rather than useful. The man who has worded a general principle usually thinks that he has really done something;

a convention. You may imagine, if you like, that the magazine is a sort of monthly meeting. The editors are not the only persons whose right or whose duty it is to do the talking. On the contrary, it is every one's right and duty to speak up whenever he thinks he has anything to say. In the department of open letters, especially, we encourage frank and even partisan discussions. We certainly do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our contributors, nor even for their facts. We are simply the moderators of the discussion.

Most of the misrepresentations contained in college catalogues deceive no college-bred man; and yet there is one trick that can not be exposed without sifting carefully many pages of ingeniously compiled information and misinformation. We call attention to the scheme of grouping all of the students in one alphabetical list, giving no summary by classes or by courses of study. Not long ago such a catalogue was sent us by a crowd of petitioners, with the representation that the institution had some hundreds of students. Sure enough, in the catalogue, in one long list, were three hundred and eighty-four names; and there was no summary to show how the names ought to be distributed. Investigation proved that there were only nine men above the preparatory grade. The other names in the catalogue belonged to the preparatory department or to the conservatory of music or to the young ladies' seminary or to the medical school down town or to the business college. Yes, and there was a school of fine arts, too. Why is it that a college of no consequence tacks on half-a-dozen gimcracks and calls itself a university? These attempts at ornamentation are for all the world like a cheap and showy set of false teeth. They are not genuine grinders by any manner of means, and still less—if we may be allowed to perpetrate a harmless jest—are they wisdom teeth. However, if an institution merely chokes to make itself ridiculous, that is none of our business. Our right to complain arises when the concern publishes a misleading catalogue with intent to deceive; for such a catalogue is intended to make a false impression upon all persons examining the institution, and, among others, upon us. Yet we are not the persons who ought to cry out most loudly. We see the swindle and are not harmed by it. The person who is actually deceived and outrageously and permanently damaged is the boy who is selecting a place to study and who does not understand or even suspect that a college catalogue may be essentially as false as the representations made by an auctioneer. So the unfortunate student is taken in and done for. His money—what little he has—is taken from him in exchange for advantages that are not nearly as good as represented; and his time—the only time for study which he will have in this world—is consumed in getting an education so fatally defective as to deprive him forever of attaining his highest possible development. In our sympathy with this hypothetical student we have wandered too far from our subject. We simply wished to warn the brethren that the catalogues which usually accompany petitions ought to be digested very carefully indeed.

A FEW OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS—a very few—have asked what has become of the dragon, the owl, and the dog, which used to adorn the cover of the BETA THETA PI. By the way, barbarians have always supposed that on the cover there were two separate dogs. In fact there was only one. What seemed to be a second dog was merely a reduplication, whose purpose was to show that the first dog, the real one, was both Greek and perfect. But let us leave mythology and turn to sober history. The disappearance of that happy family of possible and impossible creatures was due wholly to the owl. He was constantly worried with puns, especially upon political subjects. The wise bird wished to keep wholly out of politics, especially when

is that the ones which long ago began to fall behind now seem much farther from the leaders; for weak colleges remain stationary, while prosperous ones shoot on and on. Nothing less than a miracle can enable a weak college to work up to the head. To those that have it is given.

A SMALL COLLEGE always has an uncle, rich, old and childless. He has one foot in the grave; but, on the other he hobbles about briskly enough, working in the interest of the college and dropping hints that by and by it will be wealthier than it is now. When the old gentleman appears weaker than usual, the students who are asking for a chapter of some fraternity add to their petition, in a large, round hand, "It is absolutely certain that the university will soon receive a handsome endowment." If a college be very small indeed, it has two rich uncles at the very least. The general rule is: The smaller the college the better its "prospects." To the philosopher we commend this striking instance of the compensations of Providence. Yet the rule, unhappily, seems to have an exception now and then. We once knew a college that was so miserable as to deserve, under the rule, at least half-a-dozen uncles, aunts, and the like; but it had no relatives at all. As the students had no present prospects, they comforted themselves with the hope that they would have a prospect by and by. The petitioners wrote, "The prospects of our university will be in the near future brighter than this year; for our church is taking active measures for its prosperity." So the only prospects of that institution were, so to speak, of a future-perfect sort;—and yet fine present prospects are not at all expensive.

IT IS CERTAINLY NOT WRONG for the friends of a small college to think its prospects of the best. It is laudable that they wish the college well; and, in due course of nature, the wish becomes father to the thought that the college is actually doing well and will almost immediately do better. So we do not complain of the rosy visions in which the friends of even the smallest colleges take such delight. Let them gather rosebuds while they may. It is our duty, however, to remind voters upon petitions that these visions are found invariably, and that too often they have no foundation at all. The hallucination as to the standing and prospects of a college is not confined to its students. If you want to know the truth, any person who lives in the neighborhood, or who is for any other reason desirous that the college succeed, is wholly untrustworthy. When one has a bias, pecuniary or other, he can not give a colorless statement of mere facts, past or present; and still less can he give a colorless account of such indefinite things as prospects, hopes, and dreams. It is, however, wholly unnecessary to theorize on this subject. Any one with experience in fraternity matters knows that the statements of petitioners are almost absolutely worthless, and that what our neighboring brethren say is little better. We are not attacking the opinions of resident Betas regarding the personal qualifications of the petitioners. As to such matters, the value of the testimony depends wholly upon the value of the witnesses themselves. If they are experienced in fraternity work, what they say regarding men is well worth heeding; and if they are inexperienced what they say or think is wholly valueless. As to the matter that we have been talking about, however,—the condition and prospects of the college—all neighboring Betas, whether experienced or inexperienced, stand on one level: what they say must be assumed to be worthless, and an independent investigation must be made by some unprejudiced person.

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OPEN LETTERS.

The Transportation Fund.

I am not a ten-cent man, nor do I like the idea of protests against convention's acts by persons who failed to attend the meeting; but I must express my feelings against the resolution instructing each chapter to pay to the treasury the sum of ten dollars for the transportation fund. "The sum thus to be gained, it is expected, will pay the railroad fare of at least one member from each chapter." The scheme is wholly impracticable and utterly without sense. Next year the convention will be held at Cincinnati. Delegates from Centre, Hanover, Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan, Kenyon, Denison, and, possibly, Indiana University chapters, can get to Cincinnati and return for ten dollars railroad fare, and the others will have to pay considerably more. What advantage will be gained by taxing these chapters ten dollars and then paying it right back? If our conventions were to be

held each year in some central city, which could be reached by twenty chapters at six dollars apiece, leaving a surplus fund of eighty dollars to be divided among more distant delegates, then the plan might work, but with a chapter in Maine, and one in California, and one in Texas, this ten-dollar tax can never accomplish its purpose.

A Beta Theta Pi convention is not a masonic grand lodge. No power can require a chapter to be represented. Every chapter wants to have a delegate, and every chapter will have one, unless the boys are all too poor to go so far, or the date is changed four or five times during the summer after students are scattered over the continent, or some other extraordinary cause intervenes; but men can not be forced to go to Beta conventions. They must always be composed of the enthusiastic brothers, who attend for pleasure. Convention-going can not be

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Let's hear some arguments for preps; and let's know in what respects their initiation has improved these chapters. The "chapter-killer" is abroad in the land; and he vows extermination to prep initiations.

C. K.

A Visit to the University of Iowa Chapter.

I must tell you of a delightful visit I had week before last with the boys of Alpha Beta, at the Iowa State University, Iowa City. Happening to drop into that place on a two days' business engagement, my first inquiry when at leisure was for "the boys." I found them on the parade ground, some in the battery and others in the battalion, and I observed that they were well to the front. After drill, a most hearty welcome was extended me, followed by a visit to the hall, which is elegantly fitted up. A meeting for my benefit was planned for the evening following. When that time came, I discovered that the "spiking committee" was able to report success, and arrangements were made to transport a barb

from the outer darkness into the ennobled liberty of Beta Theta Pi. It I assure you, most enjoyable to find self once more assisting in the opening of barbaric eyes; and the large and *lumpy* never tasted more tender. Bro Fred. Watkins, of '88, is now the bar Alpha Beta, and his birth into the fraternity was attended with all the *et cetera* which that chapter knows so well to use.

I took pains to inquire concerning the work of the chapter and its standing at the university, and was much gratified at the information which followed my queries. When the chapter graduated six men in the class of '86, there was a considerable gap in the ranks, but new and good recruits are already securing. The chapter now numbers fourteen and seemed active and aggressive. Its work was well indicated when every hand was up in reply to my question "how many of you have subscribed for the I THETA PI?"

Brother Will. F. Mozier will, in all probability, be the first-honor man of a position which Alpha Beta has held some time past. Let me advise any who may chance in Iowa City to let himself be known immediately, and the warmth of the welcome will do his good.

Will R. Goodwin, Delta,
Chicago, October 25, 1885.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Brown.

Although I am not the cor. sec. of Kappa, but, in fact, an alumnus, I venture to write a few words regarding the chapter; and, as what I have to say is complimentary to the active members, perhaps this letter comes more gracefully from an alumnus than from an undergraduate.

When our chapter was instituted in 1880, being the remains of the open society of Phi Kappa Alpha, it had a large membership, such as is usually found in an

open society, and lacked the close fraternal feeling that can be found only in such well-ordered chapters.

To show how Kappa stands to-day with no vain-glorious attempt at boasting, I will mention some of the positions held by Betas, which, though they by no means indicate collegiate standing, show the Kappa boys are known at Brown.

J. H. Ward, '86, is president of the university glee club, and has two associated Beta singers. The glee club is a flourishing institution. It makes an annual tour through Rhode Island, Massachusetts

ermont, and is well received wherever goes. Its rendition of the famous song "On the Chapel Steps" is always fine, and the singing on the steps of old Manning Hall furnished the inspiration for the song. Brother Ward is, also, one of the editors of the *Brunonian*, the regular college paper.

One of the long-established organizations at Brown is the Hammer and Tongs, a theatrical society which renders plays two or three times each year for the benefit of the ball club or for boating interests. Kappa's '87 and '88 delegations attire are enrolled, brother G. H. Crocker, '87, being vice-president, and brother H. Colwell, '87, theatrical manager.

Base-ball is the sporting interest at Brown. Boating is trying to regain a foothold, but base-ball attracts all the boys. Every year the *Brunonian* announces that the Browns expect to win the championship and every year it—well, we'll not mention the rest. Brother Norman Gunderson, '86, or "Gundy," as he is familiarly known in college, is captain of the nine this year, as well as pitcher. He has had good success generally as a sphere-twirler, often displaying "head-work" and strategy worthy of a professional. Brother A. F. Clark, '89, is his catcher. Clark and Spencer are the "battery" of the freshman nine that recently defeated the sophomores in the annual contest.

Our representative upon the *Liber Brunensis*, the annual publication of the fraternities, is G. W. Willis, '86, who is chairman of the board of editors.

These items have been enumerated here with the same end in view that actuates the publication of similar items in the *Star and Crescent* and the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*.

The union banquet of the Brown, Harvard, Boston, and Amherst chapters will be held here this year, some time next term; and we hope to have a rousing time.

The senior class elections have resulted in quite a row in the ranks. The Alpha Delta Phis got up a great combination, which was successful except in case of their own men. This, of course, didn't suit them, and they raised a cry of fraud, claiming that one man who voted was not entitled to, as he did not intend to graduate. A new election was held, and the Delta Kappa Epsilon chairman of the class-day committee was superseded by a

knight of the star and crescent. The Dekes objected to this, and the matter was put in the hands of city lawyers for settlement. Peace, however, will finally settle over the class, and all will go well.

Kappa is extremely blest with a strong and zealous body of local alumni, and the *Providential* character of Psi Upsilon is being transferred, in a sense, to the Beta Theta Pi.

Kappa Alumni.

November 6, 1885.

Stevens.

Since our last letter to the magazine, there has been quite a change in the faculty of our institute; and in this change Stevens has taken, simultaneously, another bold step towards making this a post-graduate institution. It has always been the aim of the faculty to make it such, and it is now more so than ever. But to return to the change in the faculty. Prof. Robert H. Thurston, who for thirteen years occupied the chair of engineering, has responded to a call from Cornell University, to take complete charge of Sibley Hall. He is an able man and fills the position he has always held admirably. He possesses a vast amount of information pertaining to engineering subjects. He retains the smallest facts and details of a subject and, what is more valuable, recalls such facts at a minute's notice. When here, one going to him with some engineering question about which he was in doubt, was almost sure of getting an answer. His great popularity with the students of Stevens will undoubtedly find its equal at Cornell, and we know that our brothers at Cornell who will have occasion to study under Prof. Thurston will like him and think as much of him as we did. The chair of engineering being vacant, Prof. DeVolsen Wood, Lambda, transferred his attention from mathematics to mechanics, a subject with which he is thoroughly familiar. At the beginning of this term, however, he was obliged to absent himself from his work on account of severe illness; but he has now returned, and we are all happy to have him back. During his short absence Mr. Wolff, of the class of '76, acted as his substitute. Prof. Wood's withdrawal and Prof. Clarence A. Carr's departure, last term, left the department of mathematics without either professor or instructor, but the department was

him came G. B. Watson, also of Alpha Nu. Brothers Bope, of Kenyon; Manly, of the Denver Rhos, and Otis, of Wittenberg, helped to swell the number of our "laws" to five. S. Parks, hailing from Western Reserve, speedily made himself known, and our chapter list numbered fifteen. Parks enters as a lit. of '88. When all the returns were in we found that we had lost eight of our last year's men, three by graduation—W. F. Ward, A. S. Whitney, and C. E. Parker—and the other five, concerning all of whom notices will appear in "The Betas", in various ways. Our circle was not complete without "Hetz," pigmy though he is, and when he did come he was warmly welcomed. With sixteen men, nearly all of whom were ready for active service, and an unusually promising freshman class to work on, what more could be wished? As a result, we soon had four freshmen pledged, and three more are now under inspection. The entering class, including "co-eds.," numbers 250, the largest class that has entered for quite a while, and it has unusually fine fraternity material.

All of the frats. will probably have good representations in the class of '89. I am unable, at present writing, to give a statement of the strength of the various fraternities, as it is too early for that here. I shall have to reserve that for another time.

We had a very successful field-day last Saturday; and one of our boys, Geo. L. Price, gained the first prize in the horizontal-bar contest. The majority of us, having stood about all afternoon at field-day and having managed to get pretty well chilled, were ready to make it warm for two of our freshmen, Millard and Doude, whom we "put through the mill" that night. The Hon. O. F. Price, one of our old alumni, who is attorney for the C. B. & Q. R. R., in Illinois, with headquarters at Galesburg, Ills., was visiting his son George, and staid over to help in an initiation once more. Brother Price enjoyed the proceedings with old-time zest, gave us a rousing talk, and, after a good time all around, we adjourned to "Hank's," where the babes wondered at the Greeks' capacity for *Δορυ*, and vowed to emulate them. Taken all in all, it was an occasion long to be remembered. We fully appreciated brother Price's visit, and wish more of our alumni would visit us.

The only change of importance faculty was the appointment of Thomas M. Cooley to the chair of I made vacant by the election of Dr. Adams to the presidency of C. The appointment has been excee well received, and Prof. Cooley tures are very well attended. Ou mechanical laboratory is being r built, and our campus will soon another handsome brick building stone trimmings.

W. Teis Smith, Co
November 4, 1885.

Denison.

The last letter was so taken up w account of success in campaign wo mention of improvements in the c property was necessarily omitted. Baptists of Ohio recently held the nual meeting at Granville, and mu thusiasm was manifested in colleg ters. A considerable part of a nev hundred-thousand-dollar endowmen already been raised, and steps are taken to put into the field an activ as general agent to visit the v churches of Ohio and persuade men to come to Granville. This w sult in increased attendance and perity.

Gradually, yet surely, the scienti partment has been remodeled an proved during the last two years, s even recent graduates are surprised changes. Several additional and needed pieces of apparatus have jus secured, among which is a lithol lathe for making thin sections of necessary to the study of petrogi. The lathe was made to order, and lieved to be a specially good on lithological microscope of most app pattern will soon be added. In b a microtome of the latest pattern freezing section cutter have been se as well as turn-tables and a con outfit of staining and conservative and reagents. A fine collection o rine invertebrates has been received the United States Fish Commission. ornithological series of the museu received quite an addition in a gift Dr. G. G. Kyle, '77, of Granville, large number of bird skins. This g been supplemented by other donati the same line. Each year brings v new and important improvements

meeting now and then to the discussion of matters concerning the fraternity, to the treatment of its interests, and to the kindling and fanning of a healthy enthusiasm for the fraternity in all its relations. To this end everything that tends to render the men familiar with the fraternity's history, working, constitution, policy, members,—in short, everything that will awaken interest, gratify curiosity, or give information about our whole organization of chapters, is brought together and woven into a more or less systematic programme for the evening.

It gives me no little pleasure to make mention of the strong and hearty good feeling which pervades and characterizes our chapter. Upsilon has always been a model of harmonious unity; but never has there been a time when the friendly relations between her members were more firm.

Wm. Marshall Warren, Cor. Sec.
November 2, 1885.

Beloit.

Greatly did the boys of Chi rejoice to see, at the first meeting of this term, the faces of all who had said good-bye at commencement. Russell, too, returned after a year's absence, to join '87. Thus we were able to begin the year with one more member than we had last June.

Soon after the beginning of the term, George A. Chase, who was pledged at the end of his preparatory course, a year ago, returned to enter '89. Just at this time H. H. Swain, an enthusiastic alumnus of '84, stopped a day with us on his way to New Orleans, and we accordingly arranged an impromptu initiation. Chase seemed to think it sufficiently interesting, although it was planned in haste. The next occurrence of this kind was the initiation of A. H. Armstrong, also of '89. This time there were present three of our alumni—B. M. Malone, '77; Prof. C. W. Merriman, '78, and Prof. R. D. Salisbury, '81. The initiation was followed by *Logg*, after which we listened to some very interesting speeches. The meeting was closed by a game which is, we believe, peculiar to some of the western chapters. It is mirth-provoking to a high degree, especially when a dignified alumnus "tries his hand" at it. If there is any one who has not heard of it let him write to us for particulars.

Although Chi had no seniors at the

last commencement, she was well represented among the speakers by Horace S. Fiske, '82, who delivered the master's oration. His subject was "College English", and his oration was highly commended.

The Beloit Betas are, at present, engaged rather extensively in oratorical work. Three are preparing for the oratorical contest to take place December 2nd; two support the Delian side in the Archæan debate next week, and five take part in the coming junior exhibition. H. D. Densmore has been president of the Delian Literary Society for the past term, and has now been elected to the same office in the Archæan Union. He was also elected poet for the winter Archæan debate. The local and exchange columns of the *Round Table* are in the hands of Betas.

Our fall campaign has been a very satisfactory one so far. We have met with no defeats and have had one decisive victory. As yet we have only two freshmen, but we hope to secure at least one more. There seem to be no other desirable men in the class at present. As our number now reaches sixteen we are not particularly anxious for any increase.

John R. Montgomery, Cor. Sec.
November 7, 1885.

University of Michigan.

After a long summer vacation of three months and a half, September 30th saw a good sprinkling of our last year's men ready for work. "The best time I ever had" and "Glad to see you, old boy," were the words most frequently heard for a few days. On counting noses we found that there were nine of the old hands read to help along the "rushing" operations, which already had been begun by two or three of the early birds, among whom we were surprised to see Geo. Whyte, of '86, who left us last year on account of sickness and to get married. Up to the present time he has stood our "chaff" remarkably well. He expects to have his wife with him after Christmas. Tom Phillips, '85's president, was on hand, too, twirling his luxuriant mustache as of old. He enters the medical department. Our numbers soon began to augment by the arrival of brothers from sister chapters, whom we gladly welcomed. J. G. Smith, of Alpha, Nu came to finish his law course, and with

him came G. B. Watson, also of Alpha Nu. Brothers Bope, of Kenyon; Manly, of the Denver Rhos, and Otis, of Wittenberg, helped to swell the number of our "laws" to five. S. Parks, hailing from Western Reserve, speedily made himself known, and our chapter list numbered fifteen. Parks enters as a lit. of '88. When all the returns were in we found that we had lost eight of our last year's men, three by graduation—W. F. Ward, A. S. Whitney, and C. E. Parker—and the other five, concerning all of whom notices will appear in "The Betas", in various ways. Our circle was not complete without "Hetz," pigmy though he is, and when he did come he was warmly welcomed. With sixteen men, nearly all of whom were ready for active service, and an unusually promising freshman class to work on, what more could be wished? As a result, we soon had four freshmen pledged, and three more are now under inspection. The entering class, including "co-eds," numbers 250, the largest class that has entered for quite a while, and it has unusually fine fraternity material.

All of the frats. will probably have good representations in the class of '89. I am unable, at present writing, to give a statement of the strength of the various fraternities, as it is too early for that here. I shall have to reserve that for another time.

We had a very successful field-day last Saturday; and one of our boys, Geo. L. Price, gained the first prize in the horizontal-bar contest. The majority of us, having stood about all afternoon at field-day and having managed to get pretty well chilled, were ready to make it warm for two of our freshmen, Millard and Doude, whom we "put through the mill" that night. The Hon. O. F. Price, one of our old alumni, who is attorney for the C. B. & Q. R. R., in Illinois, with headquarters at Galesburg, Ills., was visiting his son George, and staid over to help in an initiation once more. Brother Price enjoyed the proceedings with old-time zest, gave us a rousing talk, and, after a good time all around, we adjourned to "Hank's," where the babes wondered at the Greeks' capacity for *Δογγ*, and vowed to emulate them. Taken all in all, it was an occasion long to be remembered. We fully appreciated brother Price's visit, and wish more of our alumni would visit us.

The only change of importance in our faculty was the appointment of Judge Thomas M. Cooley to the chair of history made vacant by the election of Dr. C. K. Adams to the presidency of Cornell. The appointment has been exceedingly well received, and Prof. Cooley's lectures are very well attended. Our new mechanical laboratory is being rapidly built, and our campus will soon have another handsome brick building with stone trimmings.

W. Teis Smith, Cor. Sec.
November 4, 1885.

Denison.

The last letter was so taken up with an account of success in campaign work that mention of improvements in the college property was necessarily omitted. The Baptists of Ohio recently held their annual meeting at Granville, and much enthusiasm was manifested in college matters. A considerable part of a new one-hundred-thousand-dollar endowment has already been raised, and steps are being taken to put into the field an active man as general agent to visit the various churches of Ohio and persuade young men to come to Granville. This will result in increased attendance and prosperity.

Gradually, yet surely, the scientific department has been remodeled and improved during the last two years, so that even recent graduates are surprised at the changes. Several additional and long-needed pieces of apparatus have just been secured, among which is a lithological lathe for making thin sections of rock necessary to the study of petrography. The lathe was made to order, and is believed to be a specially good one. A lithological microscope of most approved pattern will soon be added. In biology a microtome of the latest pattern and a freezing section cutter have been secured, as well as turn-tables and a complete outfit of staining and conservative fluids and reagents. A fine collection of marine invertebrates has been received from the United States Fish Commission. The ornithological series of the museum has received quite an addition in a gift from Dr. G. G. Kyle, '77, of Granville, of a large number of bird skins. This gift has been supplemented by other donations in the same line. Each year brings with it new and important improvements, and

Denison will yet take a prominent place in scientific schools, although classical courses have hitherto been esteemed most highly. Turning from college to chapter life, since our last letter we have pledged D. E. Daniels, '90, of the senior preparatory class. He is a leader among his fellows, and will make a strong addition to our chapter when he reaches the freshman year and can be initiated. November 8th and 9th we had the great pleasure of welcoming back to their chapter home Robert W. Ellison Davis, '79, a Denver, Col., attorney, and Arthur L. Hughes, '79, a clerk in the post-office department at Washington. At one time Davis and Hughes composed the Alpha Eta when all movements had to be made under the rose. Davis was president and Hughes corresponding secretary. The old spirit of caution has not left, and almost the first thing said, in a surprised tone, was, "You fellows swing your badges and colors strong." It certainly is quite a change. In 1879 anti-fraternity laws were enforced; the president was a Delta Upsilon, and the atmosphere was charged with hostility to Greek orders; now there are three fraternities represented, each having a hall; the president, four professors, and two tutors are fraternity men, and nearly forty students uphold the cause of secret societies.

A new water supply for the college has just been obtained from the city reservoir, which has been built upon rising ground of the campus.

F. W. Shepardson.

November 9, 1885.

Columbia.

The loss of seven men in the spring left our chapter in rather a weak condition, as regards members. Our present roll is: Law school, '86, Wm. A. Jones, E. L. Appleby. School of mines, '86, E. J. Lederle; '87, H. G. Darwin, L. E. Gage; '88, J. L. Hurd, D. C. Adams. We have had no initiations yet this year, but have several men pledged from the freshman class. The new class (mines) is an excellent one, and numbers ninety men. As you are aware, our chapter is represented only in the law school and mines. I think that in a college like this it is an advantage to a chapter to select its members principally from one department.

The school of mines has made great progress in the last few years. The standard of admission is being raised each year. This year French and German have been abolished in the school, and are required for entrance. A new course, sanitary engineering, has been established, with Dr. Billings, of Washington, as lecturer on hygiene and sanitary science. In the chemical course a special course of instruction in the use of the microscope, consisting chiefly of practical laboratory work, has been added. An extension to the assay laboratory contains a complete set of machinery for sampling, crushing, and concentrating ores. The new library is now in perfect order and contains about 70,000 volumes, additions being made daily. It is open until 10 o'clock at night, and is lighted by electricity.

We have heard from several of last year's men. Doolittle is chemist and assayer in a copper and silver works at Denver; Bristol is engaged in business at St. Paul; Faber, '81, was married in July; Evans, who is studying at Erlangen University, expects to take the degree of Ph. D. in the spring.

Ernst F. Lederle, Cor. Sec.
November 12, 1885.

Ohio Wesleyan.

Theta humbly begs pardon for so long a silence and promises never to do it again.

The Ohio Wesleyan opened the year as usual with a large number of students. They are as fine a lot of students as it has ever been our good fortune to see at the university. Especially is this true of the ladies at Monnett Hall, in which department Theta men take a special interest.

Last year was one of the most prosperous in the history of the college. The endowment was increased during the year by several handsome donations. A fund was started for the erection of a building for the Conservatory of Music, and another for a gymnasium. The library was increased by the Wiley library, presented by Bishop Wiley, and the purchase of the Irvin library. At commencement there was a graduating class of sixty-five, in which Theta was well represented by G. P. Thorpe and F. M. Starr.

Theta closed the year, which was one of universal prosperity, with a triple

initiation on Tuesday evening, June 16; Dan Sowers, Fred Jones, and Frank Young, all of '89, were the happy victims. J. C. Conway, of Alpha Lambda, Jim and Charley Pickering, N. H. Fairbanks, M. L. Milligan, J. W. Dougherty, and J. W. Adair, of Theta, were present, and assisted in harnessing and manipulating the goat, and we must add that they are manipulators of the first rank and fine stayers at the banquet table.

Sowers, Jones, and Young are three of the brightest and finest men in '89, and were all offered the tempting bait of other fraternities, but, like men of good taste that they are, they preferred to eat of Wooglin's *Δορυ*.

By the graduation of Thorpe Theta lost a genial and liberal companion, and one of the most thorough and energetic fraternity workers that ever graced the hall of Theta. In Starr we lost a thorough scholar and generous and enthusiastic fraternity man. He spent the summer traveling in the west, and on his return to his home in Delaware entered his father's drug-store as partner. He is a regular attendant at fraternity meetings and as enthusiastic a worker as ever.

We closed the year with fifteen and lost two by graduation, which left us thirteen, every man of whom answered to roll-call at the first meeting of this term. We opened the year with five seniors, two juniors, three sophomores, and three freshmen. On Saturday night, September 19th, we saddled the goat for the initiation of E. Q. Starr, of '89, who came in to take the place of his brother, who graduated last June. In brother Starr we got a scholar, a jolly good fellow, and a royal *Δορυ*-eater.

Most of the desirable men in '89 were initiated by the different fraternities at the close of last year. This made the fraternity work light at the opening of this term, as only a small number of new men entered the freshman class. Phi Gamma Delta has initiated one from '89; Phi Kappa Psi, one from '89; Delta Tau Delta, one from '86 and one from '88; Phi Delta Theta, one from '87 and one from '89; Chi Phi, one from '87 and one from '89, Beta Theta Pi, one from '89. Of "our friends, the enemy," Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Tau Delta are strong and in fine condition, while Chi Phi and Phi Delta Theta, although having some good men, are in rather a weak condition.

We give below the fraternities according to their numerical strength, which here, as elsewhere, does not always indicate their real standing:

	'86	'87	'88	'89
Phi Kappa Psi	5	2	5	3
Beta Theta Pi.....	5	2	3	4
Phi Gamma Delta....	4	3	2	2
Delta Tau Delta	5	2	3	1
Phi Delta Theta.....	2	1	1	4
Chi Phi	0	3	1	2

We have pledged two of the men that entered college this year, one in '88 and one in '89, and will initiate soon. They were both rushed hard long by our strongest rivals, but a close of the contest victory we proudly on Wooglin's banner, as shown in every contest, with one exception, during the last three years.

At present the fraternities sustain most friendly relation with one another that we have ever known to exist at a university.

On October 1st Theta received an initiation from Alpha Eta to be present at triple initiation in their hall on the evening of October 2nd. We went, of course, and had many reasons to congratulate ourselves for so doing. We witnessed a beautiful and impressive initiation, which we were banqueted in royal style. Space will not permit us to enter into detail. Suffice it to say that the Alpha boys know how to entertain handsomely as we can well testify from most of our able experience.

"Yes, and Beta girls there are,
Pure and lovely, passing fair,
Who with brightest smiles enlivened
the way," at Granville.

Betas, if you would be elegantly entertained, visit the Beta boys and girls at Granville.

On the evening of October 1st brother Dick Sampson gave an elaborate *Δορυ* at his house in honor of brother Watson, who was visiting his relatives and friends in Delaware. Of course Theta was invited. Everybody enjoyed the occasion immensely. In this other substantial ways Dick reminded the boys that he is still a loyal Beta.

During the term we have been favored by visits from Art Mann, Ed Russell, Ben Watson, and B. S. Gros-

Welcome to them and to all Betas. Theta's latch-string is long, and is always out.

S. R. Greer, Cor. Ed.
November 5, 1882.

University of Virginia.

My term as cor. sec. has expired; but as my successor has not been elected I suppose I am in office yet. Therefore, although I have left the university, I write a chapter letter.

The great difficulty with Omicron is that the membership changes too rapidly. The chapter is made up of men who come to the university from other chapters, and who, as a rule, stay only a year. Out of the eleven that were there last year only two were there the previous year, and only two returned this fall, namely, W. Field McLeod and J. W. Kern. I believe that there are several other Betas in the university now, among others Tomlin, Ruffin, and Meigs, all of Xi.

The Betas at the University of Virginia are older men than the members of other chapters. They are usually studying professions and have little time for outside work. We have lectures every day in the week, and have so much to attend to that even Sunday is too often spent in catching up with the work of the week. Take my own case as a student of medicine: Every day, from the first of November to the first of April, I had lectures from 8 to 2, and from 3 to 6:30 o'clock. You can see that "meds" have little time for fraternity work. It is a fact that the professional students are kept so busy that they form but few acquaintances; and that is the reason why Omicron makes so few initiations. The men are studying such different subjects, and, besides, live so far apart, that when any one is proposed for membership it usually happens that not half of the members know him or have any convenient means of meeting him. Last year, for example, it took almost a month for all of us to get acquainted with one of the candidates.

Perhaps this will explain sufficiently why Omicron seems to be inactive. I myself, like most Virginia Betas, was disgusted with the chapter before I entered the university. I found things vastly different from the impression I had received by reading the convention reports and the magazine. I found that the

members of Omicron were just as enthusiastic as any one could wish. I suppose, by the way, that every one knows how creditable the scholarship of the members is. Last year, for example, we had the highest honor, with one M. A., one M. D., and three B. L.'s.

W. W. Talley, Cor. Sec.
October 30, 1885.

Johns Hopkins.

We began the present session under rather favorable circumstances, having lost only four men, viz., Love, Slack, Cole, and Lee, who were kept from coming back by accepting positions in some college or by entering business. We, however, made up our losses, in some measure, by brother Elmer's return from the University of Bonn, and by the initiation, at our first meeting, of Mr. J. H. Kastle, who was pledged last year. Our prospects never were better at the beginning of a session than they are now. We already have four or five men pledged, and are rushing as many more, with good prospects of success. What is of vastly more importance, however, is the fact that the men we have pledged and those we are rushing are the cream of the freshmen and juniors, and in this way, I am happy to state, we have achieved a most noteworthy and glorious victory over our only rivals, the Phi Kappa Psi. Fraternity spirit, which has been quite dormant here for several years, is, I think, on the increase, a fact due in no small measure to the active rushing done by the Betas of Alpha Chi. Our roll at present numbers fifteen, and I think I can safely state that before many months have passed it will have reached twenty-five, and the best and honor-receiving men at that. As at present constituted, Alpha Chi counts among its number seven men who have received college honors, and high ones, too, as our circular letter of last May will show. We also count among our number several musicians, and hope, during the coming winter, to brighten our meetings by having a small Beta orchestra to accompany our songs and favor us with an occasional solo on the piano, violin, or banjo. Our meetings are all harmonious and well attended, while the presence of two or three of the Baltimore alumni or other former members of Alpha Chi is not unfrequent. We meet, as we have

done for several years, in one of the rooms of the university, called College Hall, and it is here that the mysteries of Wooglin are unfolded to our initiates and the committee on initiations inflicts its tortures, etc., upon them. The meetings take place on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of every month and we should be delighted to have any Beta who may be in or about Baltimore present with us on those occasions.

The senior class of 1885-6 will, in all probability, be the largest that ever graduated at the Johns Hopkins University, numbering thirty-two men. Of these six are Betas, four are Phi Kappa Psis, and the rest either barbarians or separate members of other fraternities who have strayed here. Next 22nd of February will be a great day, as upon that day the university will celebrate its tenth birthday. It will be made the occasion of a grand celebration and reception by the trustees and academic staff of the university.

Immediately after the biological laboratory and the gymnasium had been completed, the trustees of the Johns Hopkins University looked about for a suitable situation for a large physical laboratory and astronomical observatory. It was very difficult to get a suitable location, as the university is right in the heart of the city and at a place where property is at a premium. They have, however, finally purchased dwellings, covering about one-fourth of a block, just opposite the gymnasium, which have been torn down during the summer. The foundations for the new structure have been laid. The work is progressing rapidly, and the building will undoubtedly be ready for use by next year, when students in physics will not only enjoy the privilege of working under Prof. Rowland, but will also have an excellent building in which to work and the best of apparatus to use. What the trustees are now looking for, and they are always on the lookout for some improvement, is a place to build a large hall for public lectures and receptions, and a large, commodious library. Hopkins Hall, as at present situated, is entirely inadequate for use as a public hall; and the gymnasium has generally to be resorted to when a large gathering is to be held. The number of volumes is also increasing so rapidly that the shelves of the library can no longer accommodate them and they have to be

transported to the different sub-libraries for safe-keeping, viz., all historical books to the Bluntschli library, all chemical books to Dalton Hall library, all mathematical books to the mathematical library, etc., etc.; so that, to sum them up, we have, as President Gilman himself expressed it in his opening address, this fall, not one library, but half a dozen of them. When the physical laboratory is completed, Hopkins House is opened, a new library and public building, then the only thing required in order to call the university complete is a department of law.

A new feature in the way of athletics this year is that students wishing to participate in out-door sports, such as baseball, base-ball, lawn-tennis, etc., are transported from the university to the university play grounds at Clifton (about one mile from the city) in a large omnibus. On the "bus" are displayed the university colors and from it issues a Hopkins cheer as it passes through the city to the grounds. It is always crowded to its full extent and serves as a means of enjoyment in many ways to those concerned.

Alfred R. L. Dohme, Cor.
October 30, 1885.

Randolph Macon.

Though the hand of time has wrought havoc in our ranks, carrying off our Greeks, we have been enabled, by good fortune and discretion, to initiate several on whom the mantles of departed friends can fall, and who will, I feel confident, wear those same mantles very gracefully. By the way, how unpleasant it is, on our return to college year by year, to miss another and another of the crowd.

I am glad to see that the medium of communication between our chapters is losing the stiff formality I noticed in former years. This spirit of kindly feeling towards sister fraternities that your editorial columns manifest will cause a deeper interest to spring up; we hope the time will come—helped by the fraternities—when Mason Dixon's line will exist only in imagination and in tales of bygone days and deeds.

To return to more personal matters: we have initiated three new members, the mysteries of X Y Z, and now number ten soldiers of the cause, and

to stand secure and undaunted amid the war of elements, the wreck of matter, and crash of worlds. I can safely assert our superiority to any fraternity, our strongest adversaries being of the stripe K. A., a determined set that have fought for supremacy for several years; but we have them on the hip this year.

H. L. Stuart, of last year's class, is practicing law in Gainesville, Texas, and no brother's departure is felt more keenly than his. You may hear of him, by-and-by, causing the Lone Star state to ring with his oratory as he did the walls of his *alma mater* in old Virginia. Lee Winfree is engaged in the manufacture of the tobacco weed, at Lynchburg. W. Buffington left the scenes of literary action to attend the Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

M. L. Shackelford, Ass't Cor. Sec. November 10, 1885.

Western Reserve.

Beta is happy to come to the front once more, and tell her sister chapters what she has been doing since last heard from. Last year was an exceedingly prosperous one for us. During the year nine men were taken into the chapter. We were represented at prize-speaking from both freshman and sophomore classes. The year ended with a grand banquet, which was attended by a large number of our most influential alumni, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed.

We lost by graduation T. Fletcher, who is now reading law at Erie, Pa., and Thomas, now at Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O. These two brothers during their college life were earnest and devoted workers in the cause of Beta, and have done much for the advancement of our chapter. Their presence is greatly missed by all of us, and we give them our best wishes for the future. The beginning of this year found us only seven. However, we girded on our armor and started out in search of barbs. Our efforts met with reasonable success, and we had the pleasure of initiating into our fraternity brothers McKay, Herrick, and Lyman.

Our rivals rank numerically as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 12; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 11; Delta Upsilon, 9; and Delta Tau Delta, 5. The local society which sprang up so auspiciously in our midst last year, is, from all appearances, defunct.

The freshman class is quite small, numbering only fifteen. One new professor has been added to the faculty, but in other respects no change has been made in the college.

Although we were not represented at the convention, we give our hearty approval to all of its doings, and, not being of a conservative turn of mind, we were glad to hear that another good chapter had been added to our number. We earnestly solicit the correspondence of all our sister chapters, and especially that of our honored alumni.

Loren A. Sadler, Cor. Sec. November 5, 1885.

Madison.

Our chapter during last spring term consisted of but seven men. The graduation of brother Douglass, '85, left us with only six. Beta Theta had never before had so few; but we were not discouraged, for our successes during the year had shown us the mettle of our men, and we all felt that our crisis was past and that now our course would be upward. The result has fully justified our confidence. During commencement week we initiated our two pledged men in '89, McKean and Meyer, several of our alumni being present to see them eat their first *Jopy*. Thus, we returned in the fall with eight men. The return to college of Gallup, formerly of '87, who entered '88, increased our number to nine. But we had set our hearts on having a round dozen, our ideal number; and we began the search for the proper material. Within two weeks we had pledged St. John, '88, Knapp and Van Kirk, '89, thus making up our desired number. The night of their initiation was a night long to be remembered. We have never seen a jollier or more inspiring *Jopy*-night. None but those who have worked for Beta Theta for the past two years can fully appreciate our feelings as we saw the dear old chapter standing in her fullness of strength once more. The past seemed like a dream; and all our work and anxiety were forgotten. We sang the Beta songs from the heart. Our sophomore babe assimilated his canine with commendable fortitude. The freshmen did not have quite so much relish for *Jopy*; but they got bravely over that, and are now quite voracious. So we are twelve—three seniors,

two juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen. Each of us considers that, so far as the other eleven are concerned, we have an ideal chapter. So the concurrent testimony is strongly in our favor. We are all (even themselves) quite proud of our freshmen. There is not a better delegation of youngsters in college. Meyer took second Dodge entrance prize; McKean is Ass't Cor. Sec., and, we hope, will come up in the way that he should go; Knapp is the handsome man of the class and is taking an excellent rank; Van Kirk is a brother of one of our '84 Betas, and will doubtless prove himself worthy of his lineage. The chapter has never had a better spirit of work than this year. Every man seems disposed to do his whole duty; and we are anticipating a pleasant and profitable year's work.

At the beginning of the term we made some improvements in our rooms, which render them much more beautiful and home-like. We have a good library, and are comfortably situated in every respect.

In college our men are popular and all stand well. It is acknowledged by all that our chapter work is second to that of no chapter here. We also have our full share of honors. Brother Geo. P. Perry, '82, of the senior theological class, holds the position of assistant to the professor of oratory in elocutionary drill. Brother Weed, '86, is an associate editor of the *Madisonensis* and received second Kingsford prize in declamation in his class last commencement. Brother Lyman, '87, is business manager of the *Madisonensis*. Your correspondent is assistant in the correction of essays, is an associate editor of the *Madisonensis*, and one of the four editors of the college annual, *Salmagundi*. As to the future, we have nothing to say, except that we shall do our best to maintain the position we hold, and, if possible, improve upon it.

On Monday evening, November 2nd, Rev. H. A. Delano (Alpha Eta), of Norwich, N. Y., delivered a prohibition speech here. We had the pleasure of a brief call from him, and immolated a hastily-caught "purp" to Wooglin. We hope brother Delano will come again. The second annual convention of the College Y. M. C. A., of New York state, will be held here this week. Brother Wishard (Iota), International College Secretary, is expected to be present. If we can capture him we will do our best

to catch a canine. We enjoyed so much a previous visit of brother Wishard, that we hope we shall have him for a guest again.

Our college was never in better condition. The scientific course has been greatly improved, and other important changes made. We shall try to make the progress of our chapter keep pace, at least, with that of the university.

W. H. Crawshaw, Cor. Sec.
November 3, 1885.

Hanover.

Iota opened the fall campaign with eight loyal Betas. We lost by graduation last year W. B. Riley, who is now attending the Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. T. R. Bridges was detained at home on account of sickness, but returned the first of November. Soon after the opening of the term, we initiated Walter L. Riley, of New Liberty, Ky.; and we now number ten active members. I can confidently say that Iota's prospect has not been better for years. The material in the preparatory department is tolerably good, and we hope, ere the close of the year, to add a few more good men to the roll.

There has not been such a general conflict this year among the fraternities. I do not mean to say that there has been no active work going on; but it has chiefly been done on the silent plan. Four other fraternities are represented here, and we are on good terms with all of them. When we come into contact with any of them we are always reasonably successful. All are well pleased with the action of the St. Louis convention, especially the obligatory subscription to the fraternity journal. If this action had been taken years ago, our members would be better posted in the history of BETA THETA PI. Aside from the fraternity news, the general reading is well worth the price of subscription. It is each chapter's duty to impress upon the new members the importance of taking and reading the paper. We were greatly disappointed at not having delegates at the convention. Robbins, '84, and Smith, '88, intended going, but owing to circumstances unavoidable they could not attend. We promise that at our next one not many of Iota's boys will be missing.

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or a game of base-ball. This chal-
vas accepted, and a few Saturdays
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upon the college campus. The
were all good batters; but Wise's
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F. M. Walters, Cor. Sec.
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ment very closely; and should

they not disappoint us, we shall be glad
to welcome them into our beloved
order.

We Betas feel considerably interested
in the outcome of our local elections.
Brother Babb is the Democratic nomi-
nee for representative; brother Traxler is
"Fusion" candidate for county superin-
tendent of schools, running against a Phi
Delta Theta; brother McDowell is the
Republican candidate for county coroner.
It is possible that all of our brethren will
be elected, as local politics are very much
mixed, and these candidates are all strong
men.

Howard Paschal, of '86, is teaching
school and making Republican stump-
speeches in Union county. Clyde Paschal
is also teaching in the same county.
Laney, of '87, is assisting his father in the
care of a large stock-farm in Missouri.

Only one of our class elections has yet
taken place. Brother Hann was unani-
mously chosen president of the junior
class. Lee and Hanna were chosen
speakers for the coming public exercises
of the Philomathean Literary Society.

We are endeavoring this year to do our
best to "stand in" with the faculty and
give them no cause to oppose us should
the anti-frats endeavor again next com-
mencement to eject us from the uni-
versity.

We received notice, last week, of the
marriage of Will F. Moore, '83, to Miss
Nellie, daughter of Mr. D. B. Palmer, of
St. Joseph, Mo., on Thursday, October
29th, in the First Presbyterian Church.

Brother Geo. Hare, '85, expected to
enter Michigan University as a student
for the degree of M. D. We know the
boys of Lambda will gladly welcome
him. Our Smith is a brother of W. Teis
Smith of that chapter.

Will B. Hanna, Cor. Sec.
November 2, 1885.

Wittenberg.

Alpha Gamma began this year with
the "unlucky number" thirteen; but, as a
matter of fact, we have been more than
fortunate in many respects.

H. A. Williams, our only graduate of
'85, being a resident alumnus, meets
with us regularly. Also, A. A. Kauff-
man, S. E. Greenawalt, and E. W. Simon,
of the theological department, meet with
us frequently. G. G. Atkins, to our re-
gret, left the college at the close of last

What has become of old *dragon* on the paper?

We enjoyed a flying visit from brother Geo. C. Manly, of the Denver Rhos, on his way to Ann Arbor.

W. R. Dobyms, Cor. Sec.
November 4, 1885.

Richmond.

Our chapter was rather unfortunate in losing heavily at the close of last session: three graduated, and three undergraduates failed to return. We thank Psi for Stacy, and have put him right into the harness, as may be seen by looking at the cor. secs. Four initiations have been thus far made by us, and our number is just eleven. Field and Thomas, of '83, and Talley, of '84, meet with us quite regularly, and Bocock, of Zeta, who is teaching in our city, is often with us; and we have been favored by a visit from White, also of Zeta. We not infrequently see the faces of Xi's offspring.

Brother Roy has been honored with a place on the editorial corps of the *Richmond College Messenger*. Brother Harris is vice-president of our athletic association.

Our rivals, with perhaps one or two exceptions, are doing well. The Phi Delta Thetas, heretofore one of the strongest of them, entered the race this year with only two men, and they have made no initiations. Their prospects are by no means flattering. The Kappa Alphas are stronger, we believe, than they have been for several years. They have nine members. The Phi Kappa Sigmas commenced the year inauspiciously. Only one of the four who started the chapter here last session returned to college. Two went into business, and the third to a country academy.

In one respect, at least, our chapter has made a good record as compared with its rivals. Editors, is it a sin to boast? For four or five years we have not lost a man, whom we asked, by his joining another fraternity. Fourteen times in that period have we outstripped our rivals. (Although it is perhaps not exactly the right thing for a man to say what other fraternities asked him, after having joined one, yet, you know, it is very generally an open secret.) As a result of our success, some of our boys are becoming spoiled. They do not seem to be disposed to ask a man until it is known

that he has two or three other invitations.

This seems to be a bad year for the Beta governors. Hoadly and Wise are not appreciated by the good people.

Edward B. Pollard, Cor. Sec.
November 12, 1885.

Centre.

The gods have seen fit to smile on Epsilon. We began this year with a goodly number of members, having lost but four from last year, Briggs and W. B. Matthews graduating, and Vest and Mullen leaving college. Skillman has been compelled to stop college owing to a trouble with his eyes. Two old members, Irvine and Coleman, returned to college this year and help to swell our numbers. We had the pick of the new men at college this year, and congratulate ourselves on three accessions: W. Cochran, J. Cochran, and Robert Watts. On the occasion of Watts' initiation brother Argo, an alumnus and at present superintendent of the Kentucky Asylum for Deaf-Mutes, showed his appreciation of the fact that Betas had good stomachs as well as true hearts by entertaining the chapter with an oyster-supper. Brother Argo has the sincere thanks of the chapter for this practical demonstration of brotherly kindness.

Brother Matthews' address as valedictorian of last year's class received much applause and many merited encomiums. He is at present at his home in Maysville, Ky., and will probably proceed to prepare himself for a professorship of theology. Brother Briggs has taken a position in a Danville bank.

It is the purpose of Epsilon to proceed in a conservative course, taking only such men as are known to be desirable, and taking no risks for the sake of numbers.

Will E. Bryce, Cor. Sec.
October 25, 1885.

University of Indiana.

Nine enthusiastic Betas returned to the I. U. this fall. Bunnell, '87, and Howe, '89, did not come back, but will probably be with us next year. Shortly after the opening of college, we were much strengthened by the unexpected appearance of J. H. Howard, one of the undergraduate members of Alpha Psi. With this force we began our fall campaign.

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to the Betas. Brothers Blanton,
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W. A. Watson, Cor. Sec.
er 14, 1885.

Bethany.

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which I have had cognizance.
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I. H. Rumble, and yours to com-
is been augmented by three red
barbarians and one former

The latter, M. J. Thompson,
ow professor of natural sciences
ollege, is a graduate of Bethany,
nd Ann Arbor; a rising man of
e shall hear more hereafter.

The first new man to wear our shield
was Mr. W. Kent Pendleton, son of Dr.
W. K. Pendleton, president of the college.
Of the others, Mr. H. R. Bright is a Ken-
tuckian of the class of '87, and Mr. F. S.
Israel, of the class of '86, a nephew of
Professor M. J. Thompson, is from
Ohio.

The chapter contains at present a
member of the faculty as stated, and two
tutors. Our men are without exception,
as we think *excellentium excellentes*.

Through inadvertance we have delayed
until this writing the presentation of
Walter Gray King, of Cleveland, O., an
initiate of last year. The reception tend-
ered the barbarian by twenty ruthless
Greeks was warm and hearty. He shook
the hands of the mystic ring, and said
that he had never seen a *Δορυ* before that
could demolish a man with such ease.
No one can enter the Grecian world
without becoming wiser.

We hold regular meetings in the
Masonic Hall. Brothers C. J. Tanner, of
Grangeburg, and Alex McKinnet, of
Cleveland, favored us with a call this
week.

W. C. Payne, Cor. Sec.

November 14, 1885.

DePauw.

Since you heard from us we have initi-
ated three freshmen—C. P. Benedict,
Fred Clearwaters, and Isaac Hammond.
We now number sixteen.

Ogata, who has been with us for about
six years, started for his home in Japan a
short time since. He is one of the four
Japanese graduates we have sent from
this chapter. We found them all strong
men. J. E. Durham, '85, who recently
finished a course of study at a commercial
college in Chicago, is in business here,
and is practically an active worker of the
chapter.

J. G. Campbell, Cor. Sec.

November 8, 1885.

year, and has entered the class of '88, at the Ohio State University. Will A. Bowman, '89, came back for a few days at the beginning of the term, and then went to Butler University, Indianapolis. All of the brothers were sorry to see him leave us; and Wooglin seemed much displeased, as he was the only member we had in that class. In order to appease Wooglin, we sacrificed a fat *dog* on September 21st, at which time H. M. Humphreys, '89, was initiated into the Greek world. When our rivals discovered whom we had initiated, it would have made an artist smile to see the picture of despair painted upon their countenances. We have also three pledged men in the preparatory department.

As to honors, we have had our full share in both the class-room and the society hall. The Excelsior and Philosophian literary societies will be represented in their annual contest at the close of this term by five Betas out of the six performers. Minor honors are almost in the same proportion. We think, modestly enough, that merit alone has secured us these positions.

W. H. Kephart, Cor. Ed.
November 2, 1885.

Maine State College.

We lost by graduation last June, Paine, Hull, Fernald, and Morey. Paine has entered the Stevens Institute of Technology, Fernald is studying in the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., Morey is now in Boston, and Hull is at home. As to honors, J. Fred Lockwood, '86, received the Prentiss prize for the best junior theme; and we have nearly all the important offices, Jones and Black being captains of the two companies.

Thus far we have initiated two men: Frederick L. Thompson and Alphonso J. Coffin, both of '89. Phillbrook, formerly of '85, and Lincoln, formerly of '87, have returned to college, and will graduate with '89. With these additions we now number fourteen; and we hope to get one or two good men next spring from the number that generally enter.

The college is prospering, a large number of students having entered this fall, and the freshman class seems to be an exceptionally good one. Work has been begun on some new water works for the institution, and when completed they will be a great improvement. An artesian

well is to be bored, and a force-pump, worked by a wind-mill, will force the water into the buildings.

Another event worthy of notice is the publication by the students of *The Cadet*, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the college. Beta Eta shows up well in the editorial board, having five out of ten editors.

The other societies here are in full blast. The Q. T. V.'s have taken eight men, and the K. K. F.'s three. It is rumored that the latter society has received a charter from Kappa Sigma. They are a strong set of men, and Kappa Sigma cannot do better.

Our college term closes the 20th of this month for a vacation of ten weeks. This long winter vacation is arranged to accommodate those of the students who teach school.

James D. Lazell, Cor. Sec.
November 14, 1885.

Hampden Sidney.

Since last heard from we have enjoyed comparative prosperity. Our college entered upon its one hundred and tenth session under very auspicious circumstances, and has the prospect of increased success, if the opportunities afforded are taken advantage of. Zeta, though less fortunate than the college in many respects, has many things for which to be thankful, and looks forward to continued usefulness during the year. By graduation we lost brother McIlwaine, and owing to other causes brothers Lewis, Evans, and Tinley have failed to return. We have initiated two since commencement of the session, and now have new brothers in the persons of Epes and Shaw. Our whole number of active members at present is eleven. As will be noticed, our membership is smaller than for some time; but this is easily understood from the fact that of the new students an exceptionally small number can be considered good fraternity timber.

We enjoy an advantage over many Beta chapters in having the Theological Seminary in our vicinity; for thus we are enabled to obtain the presence and friendly counsel of many of our alumni three years after their regular course at college has been completed. There are in attendance at the seminary during the present session four of our Betas, viz.: White, Mosby, Spurlin, and Campbell.

Dickinson.

E. B. MITCHELL, prothonotary of common pleas at Harrisburg, Pa., June banquet of Alpha Sigma.

C. A. HILL is Methodist Episcopal minister at Snow Hill, Md.

W. B. GLANDING is pastor of the First Church, Altoona, Pa.

COLE lately visited his chapter. He is principal of a grammar school in Baltimore.

STAUFFER is teaching at York, Pa. S. S. LAMBIN is at Carlisle, Pa.

W. R. ISRAEL is rector of the Episcopal church at Meadville, Pa.

ISRAEL is principal of the Washington high school.

APPOLD is practicing law in Baltimore.

DARE is teaching at Dickinson school.

WARTZ, '83, and F. T. BAKER, '85, are at a preparatory school at Mt. Vernon.

Johns Hopkins.

REED has been instructor in English at Dr. Deichmann's English and School in Baltimore since September. He has done considerable work in preparing students for matriculation at Johns Hopkins.

R. GOODMAN, besides having a large law practice, is also a member of the editorial staff of the *Baltimore American*.

DAY, until recently professor of physics at St. Johns College, Md., has been appointed Professor of Physics at Nashville University. He was elected December 27th, 1884, to Miss Jennie Altmore.

E. GRAMMER, son of the Rev. Dr. Grammer, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Church, Baltimore, has recently been elected minister, and will assist his father in his position.

SALE is practicing law in St. Louis.

JOHNSON has been appointed professor of English literature at McDonough College, more County, Md.

TIFFANY and W. H. ADKINS have added their names to the long list of Baltimoreans.

IEL L. BRINTON, who is another of our young and prominent lawyers, has been appointed professor of medical law at the Baltimore Medical College.

ELMER has just returned from a course at the University of Bonn. He spends all his spare time in traveling over Europe, visiting Rome, Paris, Naples, etc.

LORD, JR., has been studying law at the University of Baltimore.

is L. LOVE has been appointed

assistant instructor of mathematics at the University of North Carolina.

'85. HENRY R. SLACK, JR., has started a drug and chemical business with his former employer, Dr. T. S. Bradfield, at his home, La Grange, Ga.

Ohio University.

'45. JAMES MERRITT SAFFORD is professor of geology and natural history in Vanderbilt University.

'55. HON. JOHN WATTS MCCORMICK is a lawyer in Gallipolis, O. He was a member of the Ohio Constitutional Convention in 1873, has recently served a term in Congress, and still wears his Beta badge of college days.

'59. JOSEPH MCKENDREE GOODSPEED was recently appointed trustee of the Ohio University by Governor Hoadly. His term of service as Worshipful Grand Master of Ohio Free-Masons ended with the close of October, 1885.

'61. WILLIAM B. PICKERING is a prominent lawyer in Carthage, Tenn. Although a Republican, he has filled several offices in the sunny South.

'69. JOHN WORTHINGTON DOWD, the superintendent of the Toledo public schools, lately read before the annual meeting of the Central Ohio Teachers' Association, held at Xenia, a valuable paper on "Manual Training in the High School." In this he gave the results of one year's experiment in this line in Toledo, where a \$20,000 building for instruction in manual training has been equipped at a cost of \$5,000, and is used by high school pupils for training, under a skilled supervisor, in industrial drawing, wood and iron work, and kindred subjects, during a four years' course. Supt. Dowd is known throughout the state as one of the most enterprising of school teachers.

'70. HENRY CLAY WILL is engaged in coal business, at Columbus, O., and can be found at the southwest corner of High and Broad streets.

'74. EUGENE BERRY JEWETT is a lawyer in Columbus, O., with his office room 4, First National Bank Building.

'77. ELI DUNKLE, principal of the preparatory department of the Ohio University, was married last summer.

'81. JOHN HUMPHREY is farming at Coolville, O. He was married, May 15th, 1885, to Miss Agnes Johnson.

'82. ROBERT UNDERWOOD WILSON is practicing law at Coalton, O.

'82. GEORGE PERRY COLER has been elected president of a college at Baltimore, Md. He has just returned from an extensive tour in Europe in the interests of the college.

'84. CHARLES STUART MCDUGAL is practicing medicine in Chillicothe, O.

'86. W. A. GORDON is traveling for a hardware firm of Detroit, Mich.

'86. P. C. LEETE is at home in Portsmouth, O. He will return to college to complete his course as soon as his health will permit.

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Knox.

'68. WILLIAM T. REID has resigned the presidency of the University of California. He graduated from Harvard College in 1868, and has been principal of the Newport, R. I., high school; head master's assistant in Boston Latin School; superintendent of public schools in Brookline, Mass.; head master of Boys' High School, San Francisco, Cal., and president of the University of California.

Centre.

'77. CHARLES F. BEACH, JR., one of the editors of the American Probate Reports, has just published a new "Treatise on the Law of Contributory Negligence." This is the only separate treatise on the most important branch of the law of negligence, and it is confidently expected that it will be received by the profession with much favor. The work gives references to over three thousand cases to date. Beach is practicing in Louisville, Ky.

Stevens.

'75. ADOLPH SORGE is now in the firm of Randall & Sorge, Buffalo, N. Y. They are machinists and engineers, making a specialty of printing machinery.

'84. GEORGE F. SANDT is with the Edison Electric Lighting Co., New York City. He has recently completed designs for illuminating the elevated railway stations throughout the city, and the plans have been adopted. This will be the largest isolated plant in the country.

Cincinnati College.

'41. HENRY BEARD, LL. B., the founder of the Ohio University chapter, was the valedictorian of the class of 1840 in the old Woodward College, Cincinnati. For some years after graduation he engaged in newspaper work at Zanesville, O., from which place he moved, in 1856, to Washington, D. C., his present home. From 1857 till 1865 he was chief clerk in the Interior Department. Since that time he has been in the law business. He can be found at No. 927 F street, N. W.

Hanover.

'65. HON. S. J. GILPIN, of Wintercreek, Iowa, delivered the address before the 3d Indiana Cavalry, at their re-union, held in Madison, Ind., October 13th, 1885. He is now spending a few months with friends at Hanover, Ind.

'80. W. B. RILEY is attending the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

'82. R. C. SCHUH is taking a post-graduate course at Drew Theological Seminary.

'83. V. E. TUCKER is employed in the wholesale drug firm of Goodwin & Co., Omaha, Neb.

'84. GEORGE W. GIBONEY spent his vacation preaching at Tassinong, Ind., and is now attending Princeton Theological Seminary.

'84. JOHN W. ROBBINS is engaged with brother Tucker in the wholesale drug business at Omaha, Neb.

Kenyon.

'84. At noon, on October 15th, WARRINGTON K. L. WARWICK, of Massillon, O., was married to Miss Jessie Gillespie, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The bride and groom are now at their home in Massillon.

Beloit.

'77. REV. L. A. PETTIBONE continues as pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, Burlington, Wis. Through his untiring efforts during the past summer he raised the funds necessary to remodel the church edifice and otherwise add to its attractiveness.

'78. C. W. MERRIMAN, having given up his position at Evansville, is now principal of the Beloit High School.

'81. REV. WILSON DENNY and Miss Hattie Bailey were married at Beloit, Wis., on the 10th of September. Their home is at Nebraska City, Neb.

'83. H. H. SWAIN is instructor in mathematics in Straight University, New Orleans.

DePauw.

'49. WM. HOLMAN DEMOTTE, LL. D. is now president of the Xenia Female College. He has been prominently identified with various institutions of learning, especially with those for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, having successively been a teacher in the Indiana Deaf and Dumb Institute; the president of the Indiana Female College, at Indianapolis; the president of the Illinois Female College, at Jacksonville; and the superintendent of the Wisconsin Deaf and Dumb Institute.

'78. M. W. MILLER is a lawyer at Des Moines, Iowa.

'83. W. R. GOODWIN is in Chicago. Address, 26 Merchants Building. He is business agent and correspondent of the *Stock Breeder's Gazette*.

'85. JAMES E. DURHAM has completed a course of study in a Chicago business college, and has accepted a position in the nail works at Greencastle, Ind.

Rutgers.

'75. C. L. D. WASHBURN has obtained a law clerkship in the office of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. He passed the civil service examinations, including special legal examination.

'82. RYNIER J. WORTENDYKE is practicing law at 1 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J.

'82. W. S. CRANMER is settled as pastor of the Reformed Church at Astoria, Long Island.

'82. P. W. PITCHER is in Amoy, China, working under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

'82. JOHN ALDEN is on the editorial staff of the *Brooklyn Daily Times*.

'85. BARNES is engaged upon the United States Geological Survey, with headquarters at New Brunswick, N. J.

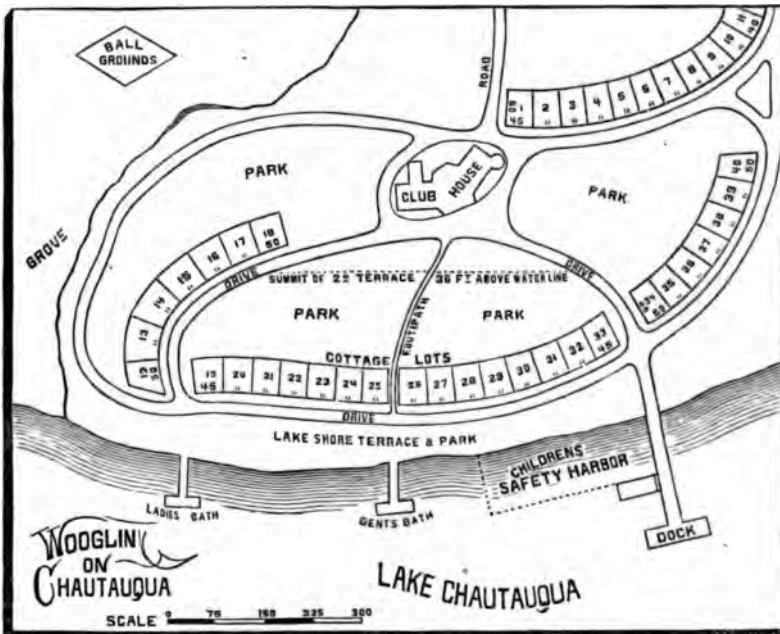
'85. RUF is taking a post-graduate course at Rutgers.

Chautauqua Assembly Grounds, called Fairpoint, two miles and Bemus Point, six miles; to , twelve miles; and to James-teen miles.

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MISCELLANY.

Our Advertisers.

As the monthly edition of the BETA THETA PI is twelve hundred copies, and as the circulation is wholly among well-to-do-people, it is such a desirable advertising medium that its columns might all easily be filled with advertisements. We wish to say that we do not accept all of the advertisers who attempt to get the ear of our readers. Our relation to our subscribers is much more intimate than is the case with most periodicals. Many of our subscribers are personal friends of some one of the managers of this magazine; and all who are members of the fraternity, whether they be acquainted with us or not, are accustomed to think of this magazine much more kindly than they think of any other publication, for this, in a sense, their own property. They can write to the BETA THETA PI at any time and be sure of a welcome to its pages. Besides, they find here such frequent mention of old friends that the magazine itself seems to be actually a personal friend. Because of this intimate relation to our subscribers, and for the further reason that the magazine is not and never will be reduced to the necessity of earning its living disreputably, we have always refused the advertisements of people whom we could not personally recommend. Every one of our advertisers is honest and honorable. No one runs any risk when he does business with them. The reason why we thus call attention to the fact that our advertisers are selected by us, and personally recommended by us, is that on account of the select nature of our advertising department our advertisers pay us extra rates; and therefore it is only right that they should get what they pay for, namely, a thorough recommendation and endorsement. Further, for the benefit of all parties, we suggest that when our readers write to advertisers they will mention the BETA THETA PI.

Maps of Wooglin on Chautauqua Lake.

For the benefit of persons who may wish to have, in some permanent and convenient place, maps showing where Wooglin is and how the grounds are ar-

ranged, we have procured from Chas. J. Seaman, treasurer of the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Club, which is commonly called the "Wooglin Club", the two maps that are here published. The map of Chautauqua Lake shows where Wooglin is. To reach it, go by either the Lake Shore R. R. or the New York, Chicago and St. Louis ("Nickel Plate") R. R. to Brocton Junction, N. Y., and there change to the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia R. R. for Mayville. From Mayville to Wooglin is a short ride by steamer. The other way of reaching the lake is to go by way of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio R. R. to Jamestown or to Lakewood, and then to take a steamboat going up the lake. It is probable, by the way, that within a year there will be a railroad running within a few rods of the club's grounds.

As the map of the lake gives no scale of miles, we now give a number of distances: From Wooglin to Mayville is a mile and a half; to Point Chautauqua, one

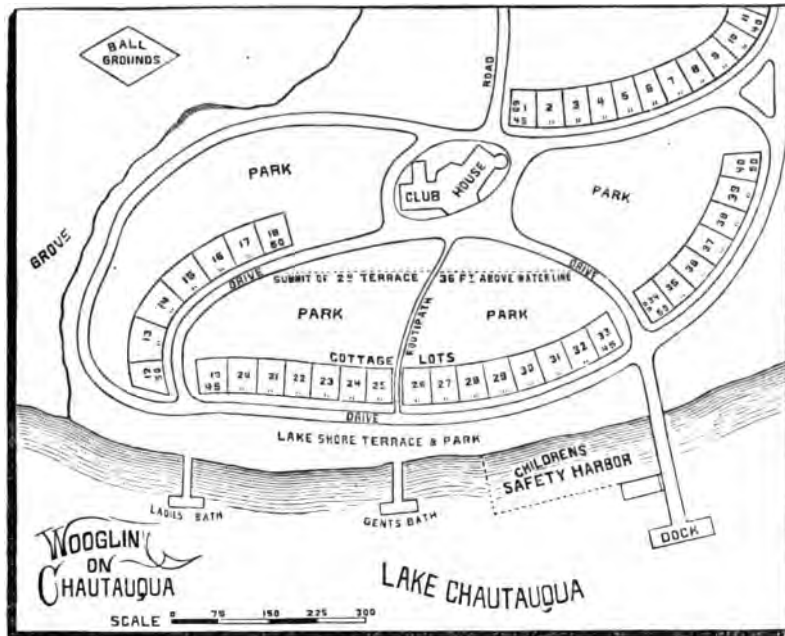


mile; to Chautauqua Assembly Grounds, formerly called Fairpoint, two miles and a half; to Bemus Point, six miles; to Lakewood, twelve miles; and to Jamestown, eighteen miles.

The second map is an accurate plat of the club's nineteen acres. The water frontage is 1,300 feet. The grounds extend back about six hundred feet. The club-house stands about three hundred and fifty feet from the lake, on high ground that commands a free view in all directions. The club-house is 166 feet long, but a happy peculiarity in the plan—the bending back of the two wings—prevents it from having a monotonous effect and at the same time secures the full sweep of the view up and down the lake.

The cottage lots are so arranged that the prospective buildings can not interfere with the view from the club-house. The common size of the lots is forty-five feet in front by ninety feet in depth, but a few are fifty feet in front, as shown by the plat. Before and behind each tier of lots, a large space is reserved for park purposes, so that in effect each lot owner has at least half an acre of ground. Lots 1, 11, 28, 29, 30, and 31 are reserved by the club, and will not be sold. The owners of lots are the following well-known members of the

fraternity: Lot No. 2, John N. Courtney, Owensboro, Ky.; 3, E. B. Chandler, Chicago; 4, Col. Abram W. Hendricks, Indianapolis; 5, Hon. John M. Pattison, Cincinnati; 6, R. Harvey Young, Cincinnati; 8, Wm. B. Burnet, Cincinnati; 9, W. P. Kennett, St. Louis; 14, E. B. Warren, Louisville; 16, Gen. R. W. Smith, Chicago; 17 and 18, T. D. Wood, McKeesport, Pa.; 19 and 20, Marshall P. Drury, Covington, Ky.; 24, W. T. Magruder, Taunton, Mass.; 25, 37, and 38, Edwin H. Terrell, San Antonio, Tex.; 26, John I. Covington, Cincinnati; 27, Gen. T. T. Heath, Cincinnati; 32, Eugene Wambaugh, Cincinnati; 33, Wm. E. Jones, St. Louis; 34, Samuel G. Boyle, Danville, Ky.; 35, Charles C. Cook, Canton, O.; 36, Warrington K. L. Warwick,



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FRATERNITY NOTES.

A CHAPTER of Alpha Kappa Pi has been established in Washington and Lee University.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA has twenty-one active chapters : three in the east, four in the west, and fourteen in the south.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Zeta Psi have chapters at the University of North Carolina.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

PHI KAPPA PSI has lately entered South Carolina College. There are six fraternities in the institution. A pan-hellenic council is maintained, and at the meetings there are sometimes literary exercises.

DELTA TAU DELTA withdrew the charter from her chapter at Mt. Union College, and the chapter thus deposed has become a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.—The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*.

THE Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, the Kappa Alpha (southern) *Journal*, and the BETA THETA PI are the only fraternity magazines published monthly.

WITHIN the last two years the universities of Missouri, North Carolina, and Alabama, Vanderbilt University, Davidson College (N. C.), and Erskine College (S. C.), have repealed their laws against secret societies.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

AT THE University of Georgia there are chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, southern Kappa Alpha, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Nu. The last two were founded about a year ago. A correspondent of the *Palm* says that "things are becoming rather crowded."

CHI PSI and Sigma Nu have entered Emory College, at Oxford, Ga., with eight charter members. Permission was granted by trustees.—*Delta of Sigma Nu*.

CHI PSI has chapters in the south at Furman University, South Carolina College, Wofford College, and the University of Mississippi. The first three are in South Carolina. This fraternity has defunct chapters at the University of North Carolina, and the University of Virginia.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON, the high and mighty eastern fraternity, has established a chapter of fifteen men at Central University, Richmond, Ky., absorbing the Iota Beta society at that institution. "Southward the course of empire takes its way." The *Quarterly* gives as one evidence of the high standing of the college the fact that it is the "only college in Kentucky that teaches evolution" pure and simple. What will our orthodox Presbyterian friends say to that? Delta Kappa Epsilon will doubtless reorganize all her dead chapters in the south in those places where it is possible. Prior to the war this fraternity had chapters at Nashville University, University of Alabama, University of Mississippi, University of North Carolina, South Carolina College, University of Virginia, Oakland College (Miss.), Kentucky Military Institute, Cumberland University, Centenary College (La.), and Union University (Tenn.). These were all killed by the war, and only the Mississippi and Virginia chapters were re-established when the war closed. Oakland College and Nashville and Union Universities are now dead, but the charters of D. K. E. at these institutions will probably be granted to neighboring institutions of like grade. The new chapter of the Central University is a revival of the old K. M. I. charter.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

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THE NIGHTINGALE.

Soyons comme l'oiseau, posé pour un instant
Sur des rameaux trop frêles
Qui sent trembler la branche, mais qui chant pourtant
Sachant qu'il a des ailes.

[VICTOR HUGO.]

Be we like the nightingale
As it through the air doth sail,
Lighteth on a bough too frail,
And we hear it, fearless, sing
Though it see the branches swing,
Conscious of a saving wing.

"Clarke."

THE THIRD OHIO REUNION AND THE FOUNDING OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER.

The Third Ohio Reunion of Beta Theta Pi is a thing of the past, and, like its predecessors, was a great success. It was held earlier than usual, for the reason that the Phi Alpha boys at the Ohio State University were very anxious to be welcomed as a chapter of the Beta Theta Pi. The history of their petition is interesting. Some years since brother Will. R. Pomerene, of Alpha Lambda, entered the Ohio State University and immediately set to work to gather material for a chapter. He secured five men, all of whom were given chances to join other fraternities, which they refused in the hope of being honored by Beta Theta Pi. The convention of 1884, held at Wooglin, was formally asked to grant a charter to

the petitioners, but refused the request. Brother Wilby Hyde, of the Beta Kappa, now succeeded Pomerene as manager of the matter. Not disheartened by the action of the convention of 1884, the boys organized a local society, called Phi Alpha, and worked steadily along trying to make a record.

A second appeal to Beta Theta Pi was made at the St. Louis convention of 1885, and, although the sentiment was almost unanimous in favor of granting the petition, it was negatived by the vote of one-half the Brown chapter; but, by a special act of the convention, the petition, along with several others, was ordered sent to the chapters. The vote upon it was as follows:

Chapters voting yes: Maine State, Amherst, Boston, Columbia, Stevens, University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Hampden Sidney, Randolph Macon, University of Mississippi, Cumberland, Centre, Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan, Denison, Wooster, Ohio University, Western Reserve, DePauw, Indiana University, Hanover, Wabash, Iowa Wesleyan, Iowa State, Westminster, California, University of Wisconsin, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Madison, Washington and Jefferson, Dickinson, Union, Johns Hopkins, Kansas, Richmond, Bethany, Beloit, and Vanderbilt—39. *Chapters voting no:* University of Michigan, Brown, Northwestern—3. *Chapters not voting:* Harvard, University of Virginia, Kenyon—3.

Of the chapters not voting Harvard and Virginia had not yet organized for the year, and Kenyon was divided and decided not to vote.

By virtue of authority vested in him, the general secretary commissioned Theta to initiate the barbarians, which was done in a manner that reflected credit upon the the Delaware Betas. After the ceremony proper, General Secretary Hanna formally installed the Ohio State University chapter, the Theta Delta of Beta Theta Pi. He gave some good advice, and presented them with the necessary documents for their chapter work. The new chapter is constituted as follows:

Wallace Clement Sabine, 1886, Columbus, O.; Wilby Grimes Hyde (admitted at Beta Kappa), 1887, New Holland, O.; William Henry Siebert, '87, Columbus, O.; Henry Julian Woodworth, '87, Jefferson, O.; Gains Glenn Atkins (admitted at Alpha Gamma), 1888, Columbus, O.; Charles Edward Skinner (admitted at Beta Kappa), '88, Redfield, O.; Frank Milton Raymund, '88, Basil, O.; Herbert Taylor Stephens, '88, Adrian, Mich.; Julius Floto, '88, Cincinnati, O.

Governor Hoadly had expected to preside at the reunion, but business engagements prevented, and Hon. H. J. Booth, '73, of the Denison chapter, ably filled his place. In taking the chair he spoke feelingly of his connection with the fraternity. During his speech he said that the Beta badge which he wore at Amherst during his senior year was probably the first Beta badge ever seen at that college. After his brief address the brethren present marched to the banquet hall, where two long tables fairly groaned with the weight of good things placed upon them. It was a better supper than was presented at

either of the preceding reunions; and was an old-fashioned one-dollar-and-quarter-a-plate affair. After full justice had been done to the eatables, Presid Booth called the brethren to order, with the annual poem, which was kindly received, was presented by Francis Shepardson, '82, of the Denison chapter. It was as follows:

"Poeta nascitur, non fit"

I oft heard when in college.
I'm sure you will remember it,
As one feigns poetic knowledge
And tries to deal in measures fine
Who was not born to write in rhyme.
Yet time forbade a greater bard,
And so I said, I'd try
To tell the truth, I'd try real hard
The Greeks to satisfy
With jingling, rhyming line.
But, should my effort fail to please,
Should I not "make a hit",
Remember, friends, my opening words,
"Poeta nascitur, non fit."
Friendship's my theme. "A subject tried
You seem at once to say.
But what has brought us here to-night,
If 'tis not friendship, pray?
When forced to face the arduous task
Of poem-making for the Greeks,
What better subject could I ask
Than friendship, which the Beta seeks?"

Well! 'Twas in the spring of '39
(If the tale is told aright),
When a few true friends of kindred mind
Together met one night.
The leader spoke of knighthood old,
Of hours in fasting spent,
Of vestments white, of spirits bold,
Who were with purpose bent
To live a life of love, and long
The cause of truth to guard,
To aid the right, to fight the wrong
In struggles fierce and hard.
"Ah! did you ever think," said he,
"Of the vows chivalrous made
With bowed head and bended knee
When the sword on knights was laid?
I hereby swear in God's clear light
To be generous, loyal, just,
A good and brave and gentle knight,
And worthy of the trust
Of those in sickness or distress.
The orphan's rights I will maintain,
The widow's wrong redress,
My life keep pure and free from stain,
Tho' temptations hotly press.
All this I swear, God keep me true
To the vows I've made to-night,
And may my thoughts, and actions, too,
Be ever with the right!
The age of chivalry is past,
The days of knighthood o'er,
But the spirit of the vows shall last
Till time shall be no more,
And can we not ourselves unite,
A small fraternal band,
The wrong to fight, to guard the right,
And 'gainst dishonor stand?"

uch words spake our "pater" Knox,
e all heard of the man)
ilver grey," John Reily Knox,
riach of our clan.
his birth, then, our order grew,
ta Theta Pi
ich we wear the pink and blue,
irs and triple tie.
hat has been the secret bond,
as held our brothers fast
order of their college days,
eeting years have passed,
met within the chapter hall,
ied in song and jest,
ed in triumphs over all,
a Beta ranked the best?
ealth the standard taken then
trance to our band?
students chosen for the power
d they could command?
! It was not that, brothers;
the power of friendship sweet
ound their hearts together
ade them love to meet
a's hall, where sweet songs, blending
he glad news of honors won,
f faith and friendship ending
hen life's work is done.
brothers, is the boasted worth
a Theta Pi,
nds not our hearts together
ove that will not die?

endship be the watchword, then,
ver Betas go,
dded charms 'twill always lend
lives of those who know
ys that come when brothers plight
owed head and bended knee,
the altar's glowing light,
ship and fidelity.

ing the poem, some speeches
le by visiting brethren, the first
from Junius E. Beal, of Lambda.
!" do you say? Why, yes,
was represented by nine loyal
who could not withstand the
n to steal away and come down
reunion. George Manly also
r Lambda; and Bert Thorpe, of
ias John Smith, of last year's
followed. J. E. Greenawalt,
Gamma, the chief of District
comed the new chapter, and
success and prosperity. Wilby
college secretary, spoke for the
ter, and seemed confident of its
o cope with long-established
hi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa
a Chi, Chi Phi, and Phi Delta
He explained the name Theta
alluding to the debt of gratitude
Theta and to Delta. It remains
n whether the next convention
w such a wide divergence from
olished order of nomenclature.

J. Newton Brown, of Alpha Lambda, who is now at Miami University, was full of zeal and enthusiasm for the revival of Beta Theta Pi at its birthplace, and predicted a brilliant career yet in store for "Old Alpha."

After the speeches, the election of officers for the next year was held, and resulted in the following choice:—

President, Hon. H. J. Booth, of Alpha Eta; Adelbert vice-president, E. A. Clarke; Ohio University vice-president, Cal. Humphrey; Ohio Wesleyan University vice-president, S. P. Withrow; Wittenberg vice-president, J. S. Simon; Denison vice-president, W. B. Owen; Wooster vice-president, C. P. Barry; Kenyon vice-president, C. K. Benedict; Ohio State University vice-president, W. H. Siebert; secretary, Wilby G. Hyde, of Ohio State University; treasurer, C. K. Benedict, of Kenyon.

A suggestion was made that at the next annual reunion, instead of an oration and poem by alumni members, each chapter have an active member on the programme, one chapter presenting a poem, another a fiction, another a declamation, etc. The suggestion seemed to meet with favor, and on motion the subject was referred to the executive committee with power to act. At a late hour the meeting adjourned, all voting the third annual reunion a grand success.

The members present were:—

Beta (Adelbert)—J. T. Lees, '86; 1.
Beta Kappa (Ohio University)—H. C. Will, '69; L. M. Gillilan, '88; 2.

Theta (Ohio Wesleyan)—T. J. Duncan, '69; M. S. Milligan, '84; Chas. Doe, S. P. Withrow, '87; F. S. Young, '89; M. G. Park, '86; G. A. Talbert, '87; J. H. Waterhouse, '88; D. H. Sowers, '89; E. A. Smith, '88; F. T. Jones, '89; G. P. Thorpe, '85; F. T. Pennington, '86; F. P. Irvin, '86; E. Q. Starr, '89; F. M. Starr, '85; D. S. Griffin, '86; 17.

Alpha Gamma (Wittenberg)—J. L. Moore, J. S. Simon, '87; C. K. Mower, '86; C. G. Heckert, '86; S. S. Keller, '88; I. D. Woorman, '88; F. S. Sigmund, '86; R. C. Bancroft, '87; H. M. Humphreys, '89; S. E. Greenawalt, '84; A. H. Smith, '88; 11.

Alpha Eta (Denison)—Hon. H. J. Booth, '73; T. J. Keating, '73; M. D. Phillips, '73; F. W. Shepardson, '82; C. S. Sprague, '86; H. L. Jones, '86; H. J. Kendig, '86; W. B. Owen, '87; D. Shepardson, Jr., '88; R. P. Smith, '88; E. A. Williams, '89; W. E. Castle, '89; W. H. Davies, '89; E. G. Evans, '89; J. S. Brown, '89; 15.

Alpha Lambda (Wooster)—J. Cal. Hanna, '81; J. J. Lentz, '82; G. H. Billman, '87; J. N. Brown, '88; 4.

Beta Alpha (Kenyon)—A. M. Snyder, '85; C. E. Tuller, '87; C. K. Benedict, '87; 3.

Theta Delta (Columbus)—W. C. Sabine, '86; W. G. Hyde, '87; W. H. Siebert, '87; H. J. Woodworth, '87; G. G. Atkins, '88;

C. E. Skinner, '88; F. M. Raymund, '88; H. T. Stephens, '88; Julius Floto, '88; 9.
 Lambda (Michigan)—J. E. Beal, '82; G. C. Manly, '85; W. J. Gregory, '86; G. L. Price, '86;

C. T. Andrews, '86; F. L. Velde, '87; Smith, '86; L. B. Lee, '88; L. R. Doud, Total, 72.

F.

NOTES ON OUR EARLY HISTORY.

It is interesting to study the early extension of Beta Theta Pi. It is said that careless travelers, as they throw out of car-windows their faded and withered flowers, thereby scatter the seeds of new vegetation. So pioneer Betas, wandering from the early chapters, bore with them the power to establish new branches of our fraternity. The original intention seems to have been to establish numerous chapters. The words of brother A. P. Carpenter, of Williams College, in a letter to a Beta, April 6th, 1848, tell the story:

I hope the brethren who have left Miami will endeavor to their utmost to establish branches wherever they may go. Do you write to them with all due exhortations on the subject. Let us strive to extend the area of freedom.

The first branch was the Cincinnati chapter, which was established April 8th, 1840, and continued in existence several years. There has been in our fraternity literature a disposition to under-rate this chapter, and to omit it as an irregular and anomalous one. Where the authority for such a step comes from is unknown to the writer, who has failed to find any ground for representing that the establishment of the original Beta was irregular or unauthorized. The truth seems to be that the first child was strong and active, that it was a leading member of the brotherhood, and that its members were more zealous in the cause, and more prominent in pioneer work, in pushing out into the college world, than were the members of Alpha herself.

The third chapter was organized by Lewis P. Harvey, of the Cincinnati chapter, who, in the spring of 1841, instituted the first Gamma, at Western Reserve College, taking as a nucleus the "Boanergian Club," a local organization. Brother Harvey was a zealous and

enthusiastic Beta, and for years successful lawyer in Wisconsin. In the war governor of that state, and an untimely death by drowning while turning from a review of Wisconsin troops at Pittsburg Landing, in 1862.

The first Delta of Beta Theta Pi established at Ohio University, A November 9th, 1841, by William Beard, of Zanesville, also a member of the Cincinnati chapter. The chapter consisted of three men: Charles C. Culbert, of Zanesville, John C. Culbert, of Zanesville, and Ripley C. Hoffman Jackson. The last named of the well-known citizen of Columbus attended the Ohio reunion of 1884.

The first Epsilon chapter, at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky founded mainly through the instrumentality of Thos. G. Mitchell, of the Cincinnati chapter, who was assisted by several men.

Besides these mentioned, John Jones and Stanley Matthews, of the Beta, were eager advocates of extension as their old letters show. But it was the intention to champion the cause of the Cincinnati chapter—although dead should have due honor—but it grew so naturally Beta Theta Pi grew.

Rodney Mason, of Alpha, of Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg founded the Zeta. He found at college a Beta professor, who carried heartily into the scheme. June 1841 saw the birth of the new chapter, its constituent members being Ulysses I. S. McMicken, A. W. Hendrickson, M. Houston, and Rodney Mason. The catalogue claims Rev. Henry Snodgrass as founder of the chapter, while a letter from Rodney Mason's, written the day after the institution, bears no testimony to his suggestion.

Over a year passed with no

chapters. A. W. Hamilton, of Alpha, went to Harvard, and succeeded, September 5th, 1843, in starting the Eta, with five or six members.

Two months later, on the first Tuesday of November, 1843, William M. Scott, of the Jefferson chapter, established the first Theta, at the College of New Jersey, Princeton. The first Iota, at Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle, was started April 23rd, 1845, by R. N. Hudson, of Alpha, and shortly afterward the first Kappa came into being at Indiana State University. In the fall of the same year, November 13th, 1845, B. F. Millard, of the Western Reserve chapter, started the Lambda at the University of Michigan, with eight or nine members.

Without going further, it is clear that the growth of Beta Theta Pi was natural. A Beta going from one college to another did not rest until he had started a chapter in his adopted college. According to law and custom, this was done with the consent of the other chapters, but it may be that sometimes consent was not asked until after the chapter was actually started, it being taken for granted that pioneer work had to be rapid. Several old letters apologize for haste in starting new chapters, saying that such action was so clearly expedient as to be sure of ratification. The early records often shed a very dim light upon the details of fraternity history, for the records are mere minutes or memoranda. Take, for example, the brief mention the chapter records make of a permission granted for founding a chapter at the University of Alabama. Milton S. Latham, who was initiated at Ohio University, went thence to Jefferson College and thence to the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa. We know that his petition for privilege to found a chapter at the University of Alabama was granted.

A letter written by W. A. Rankin, of the Jefferson chapter, in the early part of 1848, contains the following:

I copied the constitution and by-laws, and the list of names of members of all the chapters of the association, and transmitted to brother Latham, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. As yet we have received no answer.

Why was the chapter not established? The question may be unanswered forever, now that Governor Latham is dead, but we know that all the chapters were waiting eagerly to hear of the new departure. This is but one of the points

as to which full information is probably not attainable. Yet there may be light thrown on this matter and on similar pages of our history by records other than those to what I have access. Not one historian but many must gather the scattered fragments of our fraternity history.

The very first word in the BETA THETA PI for January, 1881, was "Yale." Possibly then some wild extension enthusiast thought of establishing our fraternity in Yale College. In one of George Hoadly's letters from Harvard, dated December 4th, 1844, the following is to be found:

At a meeting of the Harvard chapter of the Beta Theta Pi held November 29th, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the name of the Eta or Harvard chapter be changed to Yale.

Resolved, That William H. Upson, of Yale Law School, a Beta of the Hudson chapter, William B. Woods, of the same chapter, and John Coon, of the Athens chapter, members of Yale College, be admitted to the chapter, and be constituted a quorum with power to admit members and do other business.

Resolved, That the recorder be instructed to write to the other chapters requesting their assent to the proposed change.

The reasons for taking such a step were explained to be the entire lack of material at Harvard.

There are in the Harvard Law School 165 students, and yet, strange to say, there is not one whom we could admit without violating the express provisions of our consciences and our constitution. Our consciences provide that Betas should be "choice spirits," "hail-fellows well-met", and by this one-half the school is excluded. Our constitution provides that Betas should belong to no similar association, and that excludes the other half. * * * There are in Yale College three Betas: one in the law school, one in the senior class, and one in the sophomore. There are two societies that would prove rivals to the Beta Theta Pi—the Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon. By making now a judicious selection from the sophomore class, the Beta Theta Pi can be placed on the same platform with them, and there are enough western and southern men in Yale to do this.

And then follows a statement that "makes us laugh."

The constitution of Alpha Delta Phi is in the hands of a gentleman who will probably publish it, and if this is done there will remain but one society to oppose us, for the Alpha Delta Phi will certainly perish after such a disclosure. Its chapters in Brown, C. C. N. Y., Columbia, Union, and Princeton are already dead, caused by the exposure of the motto and certain circumstances connected with the society.

It is quite amusing, in these times, when

society constitutions, rituals, and signs are as free as chalk, to read of the intense secrecy always urged by the early Greeks. A few quotations will illustrate this point. It must be remembered, too, that our fraternity was strictly *sub rosa* for several years after its inception, and that only after a hard struggle was its existence made known.

The necessity of secrecy the most profound can not be impressed too strongly upon the mind of each and every member of the association, from the fact that many minds are in such a dyspeptic state that the mere mention of secret societies acts upon them like rich viands upon a disordered stomach, and they see in the injunction of secrecy, imposed, as I understand, for the purpose of preserving the society in its infancy, and for the purpose of avoiding impertinent questions and disagreeable associates, neither more nor less than some foul conspiracy for the subversion of our civil and religious liberties, or some scheme for the aggrandizement of the members at the expense and to the detriment of those by whom they are surrounded. Under such erroneous impressions they exert every energy of their minds to the destruction of a society they consider detrimental to the best interests of society and the moral well-being of their fellow-men.

When it was proposed to reveal the existence of Alpha, one of its' alumni wrote:

I believe that secrecy, eternal secrecy, is our stronghold. Secrecy is our strength, and every thing that tends to brek that golden mystery is dangerous to our welfare.

In great alarm, J. S. Newberry, of Lambda, wrote to the Hudson chapter:

One of the Alphas informed us that in less than three weeks he could obtain the constitution of Beta Theta Pi. * * * If any of our secrets have been revealed, it is now doubly important, etc.

Many extracts might be made, all showing the wide-spread prevalence of the idea that "secrecy is our salvation"; but lack of space prevents. Beta Theta Pi has been "exposed," several times and is still alive. Indeed, to quote the words of a writer in the *Indianapolis Journal* at the time the Beta Theta Pi constitution was printed in an Indiana paper:

The exposure of fraternity secrets seems to have had the same effect upon Beta Theta Pi that Morgan's book had upon Masonry—Morgan disappeared, but Masonry grew more flourishing than ever.

Secrecy, then, whether or not it be essential to our existence, is not our strength.

F. W. Shepardson.

FROM THE GERMAN OF KARL SIEBEL.

He dwells so high, above so far,
Glittering there a glorious star,
So very near and yet so far,
My love could I forget?

He took my heart into his own,
And said, "Forever thine alone,"
His heart so great and mine so lone,
His love could I forget?

He is so high, so far above,
Glistening there a star of love,
So near and yet so far above,
I never can forget.

K. D.

AROUND OUR CHAPTER FIRE.

I.

ul inside but stormy with-
d whistles 'round the cor-
ies in and out among the
battalions of snow in ghost-
pass before the windows
on the chapter hearth is
what matters it to us if the
is abroad? The belated
before the window, gazes
cloak closer about him, and
e colder for his loneliness.
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melting away and giving place to a hitherto unknown warmth and comfort. You remark how cold it is without and how cozy and bright within. You wonder how you happened to be so fortunate as to be permitted to share the good cheer and how quickly you feel the warmth stealing through your veins.

Pile on another log, boys. The opening of the door let in some winter. But only for a moment. I defy you to keep cold before that fire. The new log crackles, new flames roar up the chimney, and the new-comer settles himself before the chapter fire in honest comfort. Now let the storm crack. The new log is ablaze and the chapter fire is all aglow.

And how by every crevice the light and the cheer steal out into the winter and the night, as if to tame the fury of the blast! Old Tab, the chapter cat, attracted by the light, has clambered to the window-sill and sits purring a mute appeal for admittance. We open the window and let in our old Tab with a cloud of snow and a gust that almost blows out our lamp—but only for a moment, and old Tab is curled up asleep upon the hearth rug. What now if the snow drifts? Does not the chapter fire burn warm and bright? The chapter whose walls present no light, with no crevice whence can issue the beauty of the interior, whose darkened windows shed no cheerful beams, whose dark outlines present no bright picture to the passer-by, is to a fraternity brother what crumbled ruins of the past are to men in search of love and home; while that chapter whose warmth and beauty penetrates into the cold and the night needs no other herald to proclaim its cheer. Then don't close the shutters 'gainst the storm. Perhaps the light falling upon yonder path may attract a wanderer to whom you will gladly open the door, even if to do so you must let in the air of winter. Be glad of the ruddy glow that brought in a new brother and pile on another log; for is not the circle wider and must not the chapter fire reach us all?

W. C. Sprague.

IN BETA BY-WAYS.

When I write "I" or "me", in the singular, I am merely gossiping with the reader, who may examine, discuss, doubt, and even laugh; but when I am equipped with the redoubtable "we" I am a professor, and every one must give in.

Brillat Savarin.

The report of the General Secretary to the last convention contains the most sensible utterance on general extension I have seen for some time. In granting charters we are not to look solely at the endowment, the number of students, and the fraternities already on the ground. It is absolutely immaterial to Beta Theta Pi whether other fraternities prosper in a certain college or not. As far as the college is concerned, we are interested only in the fact that the average of the students in attendance is as good as the average in those colleges now sustaining our chapters. It is true we should look at the endowment and other prospects, but only so far as they affect the character of the students and the permanence of the attendance. This point favorably decided, we have to be satisfied that the petitioners are from the best class of men and are sufficiently strong to maintain our standard. This policy is conservatism in its highest form. The refusal of petitions on such an argument as lack of excessive endowment is positive retrogression.

Notwithstanding the General Secretary's remark to the contrary, he has made an eminently satisfactory report on special extension. It will not add to the dignity of the fraternity to make an official attempt to procure any set of petitioners. I say attempt—I believe it would be failure in four out of five cases. In several colleges where we ought to have chapters—and soon shall have—I know a number of students who have great respect for Beta Theta Pi and who are anxious to enter into its privileges; but inform them that we are in the market, cheap, and see how they will put their price up. I think petitions should be personal matters until they come up for final action. I am in favor of individual members bringing students to the petitioning point without compromising the fraternity. This method has been most successfully pursued in the establishment of nearly all our eastern chapters. In eleven years we have established fifteen chapters in districts I., II., and III., and they are to-day

conspicuous proofs of the wise policy of persistent, unofficial, individual effort in a given direction. The growth in districts IV. and V. must be natural, and is sure to be as rapid as the educational status of the section will permit.

I have seen a few dozen petitions smothered in their earliest infancy—never mentioned in a convention, never even submitted to the General Secretary, unheard of by the three neighboring chapters. They were mainly from "universities" and "colleges" where the requirements for the A. B. degree were lower than the classical requirements for admission to the Columbia School of Mines or Stevens Institute.

In the December number of the *Atlantic Monthly* is a very good article on "Southern Schools and Colleges." I commend it to the perusal of special extension committees, as it applies equally to western colleges. I can not forbear making a few quotations:

"I found on my desk the circular of another institution in Tennessee whose primary course ended with the Fourth Reader—it is not stated where it began—and this, too, had as the easy goal of the whole curriculum A. B. or B. S." "Another principal tells of a graduate of a college who came to a Virginia university high school 'to get a finishing touch' before going to the university and made *thirty* in his Latin examination." "I am credibly informed, furthermore, that there is a university in Texas the faculty of which consists of a father and two sons, and that some time ago the two sons conferred LL.D. on the old gentleman, who returned the compliment by making each of his sons Ph. D."

The writer in the *Atlantic* recognizes that there are many of these humbug colleges in thinly-settled regions throughout the country, and that the south has some fine institutions, such as the Universities of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas, together with Vanderbilt and Tulane. He calls attention to Davidson, Emory, and South Carolina Colleges as flourishing seats of learning which are improving yearly.

I was asked lately, by a member of a local society in a leading college, "Why does not your fraternity build any chapter

houses?" This is what I told him: "We are probably the poorest fraternity for our age, size, and intellectual ability, you ever heard of. Our alumni are loyal enough, but seventy-five per cent. of them are honest lawyers, ministers, and teachers. When it comes to chapter houses, loyal enthusiasm is not wanting; but it is, unfortunately, impossible to back it with solid finance. This has been the reason, but time has altered the case. Many of the older chapters are beginning to have quite respectable bank accounts, and several have enough money subscribed to build very good homes and will soon have them. But we do not wish, nor do we intend, to allow any of our chapters to be handicapped with a chapter house mortgaged all the way up to the weather-vane. Well, we have our Wooglin-on-Chautauqua. What fraternity has such a home? Go up there next summer, see the loyalty of our alumni, and you will perceive why the chapter house question does not bother us much."

I saw a friend of ours, the other day, half-buried in publishers' book lists and

vigorously dissecting the index of our catalogue. He was preparing an article on "Beta Theta Pi in Literature." Everybody seems to think we are not a literary set of fellows, but that is an absurd mistake. We have not so many prominent writers as the Alpha Deltas nor even the Dekes—nor so many second-rate ones either—but we have a list to be proud of. Probably our editors will publish the article when completed.

The silliest reason I have yet heard for killing a petition is that the petitioners are not candidates for the A. B. degree. Fifteen years ago almost every undergraduate in the fraternity was working for A. B. Last year more than forty-eight per cent. of our members were not applying for A. B., and yet the fraternity managed to pull through.

"The seer and soothsayer of Wooglin" is the latest title deservedly appended to Willis O. Robb. I hope it will stick to him longer than the LL.D. conferred upon him by the regents of the Saratoga press, in 1883.

F.

FRATERNAL CHATS.

II.

"Well, what do you think of this, anyhow? 'The following resolution was introduced by brother W. E. Jones, and adopted by the convention: *Resolved*, That the General Secretary be instructed by this convention to submit the respective petitions for charters to the various chapters, singly and in the following order', etc. I think that that resolution 'takes the cake.'"

"Why, what's the matter with it? I don't see anything wrong about it."

"Why, it is an exact reversal, or, as a melodious prep might say, is 'diametrically antagonistical' to the spirit of the constitution of the fraternity. I quote from article II., section 2: 'Such petition * * * shall be transmitted to the general secretary, who shall present the same to the next general convention, for

its action thereon, and if such convention, by the unanimous vote of all the chapters represented therein or by a vote of at least three-fourths of all the chapters of the fraternity, shall so direct, a charter shall be issued,' etc. Now, then, you see that the regular method of granting charters is *by the convention*. But section 3 says: 'During the recess of the convention, if, in the judgment of the general secretary, upon a full knowledge of all the facts, special and extraordinary reasons exist for the establishment of a new chapter prior to the next meeting of the general convention * * * and if, upon submission to the chapters, three-fourths of the same shall vote in favor', etc. Now, then, the point I make is this, that the convention, which *generally* ought to decide questions of

new chapters, has passed a resolution in favor of a submission of petitions to the chapters; a method of procedure to be followed 'during the recess of the convention, and when special and extraordinary reasons exist'. What is the use of a law unless it is carried out? Hadn't we better pass a new law, ordering petitions sent before the chapters unless special and extraordinary reasons exist for waiting till the convention?"

"Well, now, don't be too hard on the convention. You see there were special reasons why the convention failed to grant these petitions. One of them wasn't drawn up right; one of them failed by half a vote, when the fraternity was nearly unanimous in its favor; and in each case there was a particular reason which operated disadvantageously to the petitioners."

"Yes, I know that very well; but the fact remains that the action was a little far-fetched, and ought not to be passed without notice."

"Surely, you have no objections to the method of voting by appeals to the chapters."

"Oh, no! I heartily favor that method. I dislike, exceedingly, this idea that a very small convention, by a unanimous vote, may establish a chapter. I think the submission to the chapters gives a chance for careful consideration, and, being slower, is much more to be desired; but what I am calling your attention to is the act of the convention in turning away from the regular method of granting charters to the special and extraordinary one. To tell the truth, I guess that our constitution has to bend a great deal. It's like a rattan cane; it can bend double and yet not break. While I am grumbling I may as well grumble about something more. I'm afraid that some of our chapters are not careful in regard to forming combinations, and I am positive that there are several which "blow" mighty hard, and yet violate the spirit of the constitution right along by initiating preps."

"Oh, dear, don't begin that subject again. Let's close our eyes to the disagreeable things and think only of the pleasures of fraternity life."

"Well, I'm sure I hesitate to bring up such a hated theme, but I saw a letter from Jack, the chapter-killer, the other day, in which he said: 'I will be at the Cincinnati convention with a series of

anti-prep-initiation resolutions, and I will bring with me backing enough to make Beta Theta Pi commit herself irrevocably to the policy of allowing only college students in the fraternity.' So, you see, the subject is to receive attention, and it behooves our chapter to understand it in all its bearings, so as to be able to act intelligently. It is early yet; what do you say to looking over the field?"

"Pass me that copy of the convention minutes. I think it tells how many preps there were in Beta Theta Pi last year. Yes, here's a list. I'll read: Dickinson, 1; Washington and Jefferson, 2; University of Mississippi, 2; Ohio University, 3; Indiana University, 4; Wabash College, 4; Northwestern University, 3; Iowa Wesleyan, 3; University of Kansas, 2; a total of 24. Now, this report is incomplete, because DePauw, Wabash, Indiana University, and Washington and Jefferson failed to send a May semi-annual, and, if the D. K. E. *Quarterly* can be taken as authority, DePauw supports several preps. Indiana, Wabash, and Washington and Jefferson may have more preps than reported. But, taken all together, say 30. The number of active members remaining is 657 at the time of the compilation of the report. That is not alarming, I'm sure."

"You mistake me; I don't care for the number. I am opposed to the initiation on principle. I think it lowers our fraternity in the estimation of the college world, and I think that even the chapters themselves feel a little ashamed when they hear the list of preps read off."

"To bring things to a point, what would you do about it? How do you propose to do away with the evil, if evil it be?"

"I would have the convention pass a resolution declaring the constitution to mean *college students only* by the term *undergraduates*, and making it a cause for removal of charter to initiate preps."

"You are entirely too radical. Why, my dear fellow, some of our chapters can't live without preps. How will you get around that?"

"Let them die! If our chapter in any college is so weak that it must take preps to live; if it must be a 'prep society,' I say we do not need such a chapter."

"Hush! hush! you speak heresy."

Don't you know that these are our crack chapters? that they have one vice-president of the United States, 32 governors, 16 senators, 18 judges of the supreme court, 12 superior court judges, 126 representatives, 4 street commissioners, 218 teachers, 29 college presidents, 810 professors, 17 major generals, 2,010 high privates and"—

"Oh, for goodness' sake, Fred, stop! What do we of this age care for the past record! Look at the present! 'The following chapters failed to send in their semi-annuals: * * * The following chapters are in arrears for annual dues: * * *' That is the true criterion. I don't care if Julius Cæsar was once a member, and I for one am in for judging a tree by its fruits."

"Well, I see you and I can't agree, and I must buckle into this Greek, so let's leave the subject until another time; say Friday night."

"All right. You had better study up your side of the question, for I am loaded up with points."

"I'll take care of that. Have you any other subject to talk about?"

"Why, yes. I wonder how the convention allowed Delta and Omicron to be represented, when the constitution plainly says, 'No chapter in arrears for annual dues, or for assessments for convention expenses, shall be entitled to representation in the general convention.' (Art. V., sec. 3.) Still, you will remember, I called your attention to the flexibility of the document."

S.

EDITORIAL.

THERE HAS BEEN a great deal of talk about withdrawing charters. According to our own judgment, most of what has been said is wholly worthless, because it has dealt with vaporous generalities and has not made the slightest attempt to found itself on distinct principles or on known facts. As to this, however, there may be some difference of opinion, and, for aught we know, some persons may consider the current allusions to killing chapters both witty and wise. Let that be as it may. There is one point on which we all ought to agree. We insist that the brethren who wish to revoke charters ought to adopt one of three courses: they ought to formulate clearly the reasons for withdrawing charters; or they ought to name the chapters whose charters, according to such theories as they have succeeded in devising, deserve to be revoked; or, in case they are unable to follow one or the other of those two courses, in short, if they are unable to tell what they want or why, they should keep quiet.

WHETHER ONE BELIEVES in withdrawing charters or not, it is a good course to examine the chapters. Catalogues show a great deal about the size, wealth, and standard of colleges; but it is advisable to get additional information from other sources. As to the standing of our own chapter, the semi-annual circular letters, the chapter letters in the magazine, and similar statements are often the only sources of information. It is well to supplement these with the testimony of Betas who have visited the chapter. It is not safe, by the way, to judge a chapter by its delegates to convention, for the delegates are, or ought to be, picked men, in every way more energetic and intelligent than the average. Nor is it right to lay much stress upon what rival fraternities say, especially in their magazines, as the rivals are

necessarily prejudiced, and, besides, pan-hellenic morality does not yet seem to require one to tell the whole truth.

WE PUBLISH in this number an open letter regarding the University of Virginia chapter. The letter is useful as a sample of the gossip that is often heard regarding several chapters, particularly regarding Omicron. It is proper to give this gossip to our readers, especially as there is no other way of drawing attention to the exaggerated nature of the rumors. Some of our members seem to have formed the notion—chiefly, as we suspect, from accounts found in the magazines of other fraternities—that fraternity life at the University of Virginia is so different from the systems of other colleges as to render the chapters, and especially our own Omicron, of little value. We are not in a position to speak regarding the other fraternities, but certainly our Omicron is a chapter of which we need not be ashamed. It stands high in scholarship and in everything else that is most thought of at the university. Indeed, the only thing we have ever heard against Omicron is the assertion that it does not take sufficient interest in the fraternity. Such broad assertions are difficult to prove or to disprove; and we are glad to have an opportunity to lay before our readers a statement of all that can be specified against that ancient chapter. We know that the open letter contains all that can be said; for, though it is written in a kindly spirit, it comes from a hand that never spares. Read the letter, therefore, and you will know all that any one has ever said against Omicron. You will find that the specifications look rather broad. You will find the most definite specification to be a statement that Omicron does not attend the conventions. Our own recollection was so different that we examined the minutes of the conventions, beginning with the Baltimore convention of 1880. We found that Omicron was represented at every one; and, unless representation at convention means one thing for Omicron and a different thing for the other chapters, Omicron can not be accused of laxity. Further, our recollection of the conventions is that the Omicron men take an extremely active and useful part. The names of at least five Omicron men are familiar to all old members as the names of habitual convention-goers. So, unless there is more in the other specifications than in the one regarding conventions, we think that no one need give any further attention to the gossip about the chapter. It is a fact, however, as said in the very interesting letter from Omicron which drew forth the open letter, that Omicron makes a great mistake by almost wholly confining its membership to Betas coming from other chapters. That habit ought to be changed just as soon as possible, for many desirable men begin their collegiate education at the university. It is a fact, of course, that the failure to initiate men comes from the absence of that great introducer, the class system, and from peculiarities of the University of Virginia. We have to accept with charity the peculiarities of each college; and it will not do to blame a Beta chapter for not revolutionizing the customs of a whole university. Yet, we have said enough about this little matter of Omicron. It only remains to add—and this is really unnecessary—that our correspondent's suggestion regarding the withdrawal of the charter must not be treated too seriously.

WE HAVE BEEN informed that some of our subscribers have stopped the magazine because they disapprove sentiments expressed in certain of the open letters. We beg these rash people to halt for a moment while we reason with them. They will see this editorial article—for we know they will be more certain to read the *BETA THETA PI* now that they thoroughly disapprove it, since who can resist the temptation to borrow and read his favorite abomination? By the way, that frivolous

sentence just now written furnishes a favorable introduction to our little argument. Is it not a fact that a person reads with genuine, though unacknowledged, pleasure the statements and arguments of the opposite party or sect? He gains his pleasure, likely enough, from his keen perception of the errors. In other words, he is pleased to find how very clever he is. The motive, then, may be not a lofty one; but the result may be good, for is it not the result that he learns what his opponents think? To be due, that is the result; and it is a good thing to widen one's vision, whether the end be a change of opinion or not. By this time, we suppose almost any one begins to see what is the thought at the foundation of our argument in favor of our open letters. The opinions expressed in the open letters may be wrong, but they are opinions which some experienced men actually hold as to matters of interest to the fraternity. It follows that any one who wishes to be at home in the discussion of fraternity matters ought to know what those opinions are and what facts and arguments can be adduced in their favor. It follows, equally, of course, that discussions of those opinions have a proper place somewhere in the BETA THETA PI. The only proper place is in the department of open letters. For that department we have requested discussions of any subject of interest to the fraternity. We repeat the invitation. If the readers of this magazine do not learn what our fraternity workers are thinking and why, the reason will simply be that the workers refuse to write. If any one finds the open letters too exciting, we advise him to confine his reading to the editorial articles.

TO STOP A MAGAZINE does not seem worthy of a powerful mind. It may be that an uneducated man is excusable for taking such a course; but a person who has received or is receiving a liberal education ought to be above the necessity of committing any such silliness. He presumably knows how to write and how to express himself. His proper course is to write a refutation. That course is adopted with good humor by several of the contributors to this number of the magazine. Instead of skulking off as if they were beaten beyond hope, they have written extremely interesting letters, and, undoubtedly, every one who reads the magazine will now have a better understanding of the old prep question and a more kindly feeling toward the few chapters that still find it imperatively necessary to make such initiations. What is needed as to this subject and as to every other is that we should understand one another. It now seems that both sides agree in thinking the initiation of preps undesirable. So much being settled, the only question is as to the way to put an end to the practice. We think the chapter letter from Wabash is right in saying that it must be a pan-hellenic reform. It is not often that one fraternity can refuse to follow the custom of its rivals in a matter like this. The first thing to do is to call a meeting of the rival chapters and to ask them to enter into an agreement not to initiate preparatory students. If the chapters agree, it may be well, as a safeguard against possible breaches, to have the chapters ask the faculty to prohibit such initiations. At Ohio Wesleyan and at Hanover the faculties have taken such an action without any formal request from the fraternities, and probably solely out of regard for the interest of the preparatory students themselves. Certainly, faculties, in these enlightened times, would be glad to consult the interests of the fraternities also, and would listen to a petition from the united Greeks. No chapter of Beta Theta Pi can say that it has done its best to obey the constitution and traditions of the fraternity until it has tried time and again to bring about concerted action on this point. If the chapter tries and fails, it has, nevertheless, gained a higher standing with us, and, probably, with the faculty and students as well. At any rate, the initiation of preps

is a bad thing for the preps and a bad thing for the fraternity ; and, even if there were no Beta rule against preps, a consideration of the interest of the whole fraternity system ought to compel a chapter to make every possible effort, however hopeless, in the right direction.

“HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT for the fact that in that part of the state where the Morgan excitement was the greatest, and where the Baptist churches took the strongest action against Masonry, there are so many Baptist ministers and laymen who belong to and defend the order, and among these a large number of our strongest and most successful men ?” The above question is clipped from a prominent Baptist newspaper, published in the state of New York. The query itself seems to substantiate the well-known principle that Masonry and all other secret orders thrive best where they are most persecuted. The question seems to have originated with some narrow-minded rural person who, perhaps, has been black-balled by a lodge, and it shows on its face its appropriate marks. Yet the answer is the peculiar thing: “The first thing to do is to determine the question of fact. If this is a correct representation of the state of things in western New York, it is for a lamentation and humiliation. We have lately had some of the remarkable fruits of secret societyism, on a far smaller scale than it is to be found in the Masonic order, and to our mind it is one of the inexplicable mysteries that any Christian minister or layman should consent to belong to an oath-bound secret society.” Such declarations certainly are very silly indeed, when the number of prominent ministers in secret societies is taken into consideration ; and no man of wide sense would be expected to give utterance to the remarks above quoted. The reference to the “fruits of secret societyism” bears upon the failure of Rev. Galusha Anderson, D.D., late of the University of Chicago, to secure the election to the presidency of Vassar College. One of the trustees is reported as having opposed Anderson to pay up for a college secret society brawl ; and we are expected to condemn the whole secret society system because one man kept in remembrance a college feud. Then logic would say that we should condemn the church which the learned editor represents, because now and then some of its divines disgrace themselves in one way or another. If Dr. Anderson failed to secure the presidency of Vassar because of any such reason as the one assigned, we have nothing to say in commendation of the refractory trustee : we think his action very foolish, to say the least ; but none the less foolish and absurd is the nonsense of the editor quoted above. The man who sees in secret oath-bound societies any great bugbear is a confirmed bigot. May the day soon come when the earth will be rid of the cranks who can study no question as it is, but must envelop everything with suspicion and distrust ! What would that editor think, were he to know how many Baptist ministers are on the rolls of the secret societies, college and other ?

OPEN LETTERS.

Philadelphia Alumni Chapter.

Alumni members of the fraternity in and near Philadelphia organized this year and applied for a charter under our laws. The charter was approved by the board of directors; but for some reason, the official document has not been forwarded to the chapter, although repeated efforts have been made to obtain it. It is unfortunate that such organizations should not receive encouragement and attention from the fraternity. Such an organization as the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter is an honor to the fraternity, and is of incalculable value to the neighboring active chap-

ter. On November 3rd, at the invitation of the corresponding secretary, Professor James

Stevens, '84, I went down to Philadelphia to attend the regular monthly meeting of the chapter, which was held at the residence of Dr. Hobart A. Hall, University of Pennsylvania, '84. I

learned that the meetings had been held at the houses of the members for the last several months, regularly, in November the members having been most hospitably entertained by the president, Dr. Theodor Parvin, Indiana University, '47.

It is not, in this place, go into the details of the very pleasant meeting I attended, nor should I be too grateful to Dr. Hare for his sacrifice to Wooglin, who seem to slight the several other members who have entertained the chapter at past meetings. You could not find space to say all the good things which merit moves me to say, but I must leave my testimony to the fact that the members of this chapter are grand Betas, indeed.

At the meeting of November 3rd two resolutions were read which I am sure will be of interest to all of your readers, and

as they were not written for publication such letters from such men should be of our common property. The first resolution was read at Bellefonte, Pa., October 1st, and is as follows:

A kind invitation to attend a meeting of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter of the Beta Chapter, on Tuesday, November 3rd, has been received. I regret that I shall not be able to join

you at the time named, but I am glad to be remembered by my brethren by the invitation. If it were possible for me to join you, it would give me much pleasure I assure you.

With thanks for your kind invitation, I am, very cordially yours,

James A. Beaver.

The second is from the new state treasurer of Pennsylvania, and concludes:

November 3rd is election day, and on that occasion I have an engagement with the Republican party here that I cannot afford to break. At any time when in the city it will afford me pleasure to meet the brethren.

In — and —, yours,

M. S. Quay.

The meetings of the chapter are held on the first Tuesday in every month. Business is transacted, an essay read and discussed, and the flame is kept burning which warms the Beta heart and keeps the fraternity enthusiasm from growing cold. The mission of the alumni chapter is noble, and I believe this one bids fair to accomplish it.

Richard Lee Fearn.

What an Alumnus Thinks of Semi-Annual Circular Letters.

Ever since the plan of the semi-annuals was introduced, I have been waiting and watching for one from my old chapter, but, so far, have waited and watched in vain. Of course, I must agree with "Ex-Cor. Sec.," in the November number, that most of the past semi-annuals have been flat failures. Indeed, I had come to doubt if any regard was paid to the rule at all. The advantages to be gained by the system are too obvious to need pointing out; and, as the more substantial benefits redound to the undergraduate members of the chapter, I am at a loss to comprehend why they do not take advantage of it.

Many things that would be in poor taste in the magazine, and, indeed, entirely out of place there, would, nevertheless, be interesting to an alumnus and would find a proper place in the semi-annual circular. Since leaving college my interest in the fraternity-at-large is greater than it was before, but I have been able to hear so little of my old chapter that I find my interest in it has decidedly

diminished. If the active members of the chapters can be made to feel that much is to be gained by them, through a wise use of the semi-annuals, in awakening a deeper interest in the chapter among old members, then, surely, self-interest will prevent the semi-annuals from being "flat failures" in the future.

T. M. G.

An Initiation at the University of Michigan.

The evening of the 28th of November will be remembered long by the present members of Lambda and by visiting Betas, as the occasion of one of the most successful initiations and most highly enjoyable Beta banquets in the history of the chapter. Everything that generous hospitality, undaunted ingenuity, and Beta enthusiasm could do was done to make this a memorable event in Lambda's chapter life. By invitation of the chapter, there were present the following brothers:

A. N. Grant, Delta, of Kokomo, Ind.; W. C. Ransom, Lambda, of Lansing; John H. Grant and Fred. R. Babcock, both of Lambda and from Manistee, Mich.; Don A. Garwood, Lambda, Waterloo, Ind.; Frank T. Lodge, Delta, O. F. Hunt, Lambda, and W. C. Sprague, Alpha Eta, all of Detroit; and Franklin Parker, Willis Boughton, Junius E. Beal, and Frank L. York, of Lambda, *fratres in urbe*.

The initiates were Daniel Babcock, brother of Fred. R. Babcock, and Dan. Grant, brother of A. N. and J. H. Grant. They first became aware of the presence of their brothers when their eyes first met the light of the Beta world. This happy episode added much pleasure to the occasion and gave to no one more enjoyment than to the Greek babes themselves. The ceremony of the initiation began at seven in the evening, and so frisky was the goat that not until near midnight was he secured and the hapless riders relieved. 'Twas then some thirty or more Betas fell upon a well-fed *Δορυ*, which, to the accompaniment of hearty song and telling speech, was slain at 3:30 in the morning, brother Ransom presiding at the slaughter with the cool head of an experienced Greek, nobly supported by brother A. N. Grant. The following were the toasts, Major W. C. Ransom acting as toast-master:

"Welcome from Lambda", J. E. Beal; "The Alumni", A. N. Grant; "The Babes", O. F. Hunt; "The Beta Girls", W. C. Sprague; "The Second Degree", F. R. Babcock; "Lambda's Adopted Brothers", Jas. G. Smith; "The Mortar Board", F. S. Parker; "The Girl", Don A. Garwood; "The Boy", John H. Grant; "Our Visitors", Frank T. Lodge.

The visitors remained during the following day (Sunday), such as were in condition being led a circuitous tramp of long miles into the country for cider, the others spending the day in the chapter-house or at the home of brother J. E. Beal, which was thrown open with lavish hospitality. The visitors left the town on the evening trains, feeling that the University of Michigan chapter can give lessons in successful initiations and in generous entertainments.

A Visitor.

Plain Talk about the University of Virginia Chapter.

"Ha! ha!" The chapter-killer had to laugh when he read the letter from the University of Virginia in the November issue. That Talley is a great fellow. He seems to be a "hustler," and, no doubt, he feels that Omicron needs two or three apologies, else why should he have written that letter?

The chapter-killer has had his eyes upon the University of Virginia. He has heard some queer stories from southern chapters in regard to the Omicron; he has seen a great deal of Omicron's negligence; he has read the many sneering comments of the fraternity press upon Omicron; and now rises to ask a question.

What is the advantage in having a chapter at the University of Virginia?

"Hush! hush!" some objector may say, "it has a great history!"

Let history go! What has been the record of Omicron during the last few years? 1. *As to membership*.—Of the last twenty-six names in the catalogue of 1881, under Omicron, twenty-one were members of the fraternity before coming to the university. In a published list of seven members added from the issue of the catalogue up to January 10th, 1882, one only was initiated. In other words, out of thirty-three members all but six were Betas before coming to the university. Since that time five or six may have been added, so that, possibly, out of the last fifty on Omicron's roll, twelve

only, Dickinson, neither initiates nor pledges preps, though its rivals do both. Of the fourteen chapters that have preparatory schools * * * but a single chapter (referring to Dickinson, as in tabular statement, page 30,) of the fourteen opposes the custom among the fraternities of its own institution by not taking preps." This had been the policy in previous years, and the general feeling has been the same way since, shared in even to our very last initiate. We consider, however, that special circumstances may reasonably exert a modifying influence, so that in two or three instances since '82 we have deemed it wise to depart so far from our general custom as to *pledge* preps, but never to initiate. We maintain this position, while to-day we see desirable preps, influenced by baser means than we are in the habit of adopting, making choices elsewhere. Some of them have done everything, except to ask us in plain English, to induce us to broach fraternity to them, and, disappointed, have sought Greek homes where the gate is not strait and the road is broad. If names will do "C. K." any good, I will furnish them.

Alpha Sigma is accredited in the minutes of the convention of 1885 with one prep. This does not refer to Meily, but to an esteemed brother who was initiated during his freshman year as a Latin scientific member of the class of '79; but who, after several years' absence, returned to take the classical course. As this requires Greek, brother Lamdin thought it proper to enter the preparatory department.

I take pains thus to clear up our record, for, whatever position some of our sister chapters may consider it wise to take, we cannot in fairness be justly charged as above, and, as at every other point of attack, we rise to defend our reputation, of which we think we have a right to be jealous.

F. M. Welsh.

December 8, 1885.

Tau's Standing and Preps at Wabash.

I notice a remarkable error in the last journal, which I beg leave to correct. "C. K.", in his letter on the initiation of preps, says he is informed by a rival fraternity having no chapter in Wabash, that, named in order of merit, the Wabash fraternities stand thus: Phi

Delta Theta, 22; Sigma Chi, 7; Phi Gamma Delta, 6; Beta Theta Pi, 12; and Phi Kappa Psi, 4. Now, I am a member of Tau, having spent two years in the halls of old Wabash, and as to fraternity standing there I know whereof I speak. Tau chapter is at least up to the average of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is excelled by none in the state of Indiana. In Wabash she is acknowledged to be (or was last June) several lengths in the van of all rivals by members of the other fraternities in the college. John W. Kieff, a man of mature age and judgment, and who stands head and shoulders above any Phi Delta Theta in his class, last May became disgusted with the ways of Phi Delta Theta, then his fraternity, resigned, and was chosen to wear a Beta badge, which he does with honor to the fraternity at large as well as to himself. I write this fact in order to show how Tau is regarded at home. By the way, Kieff is not a prep.

As to initiating preps, it is, undoubtedly, a bad practice, but followed by Tau because in the past it has worked well with her and because all the other fraternities do it. Tau must lose good men who desire to join a fraternity while in prepdom; or she must break the fraternity rule and become the scapegoat, as it were, of the whole fraternity. I hope the chapter-killer and other brothers who feel disgraced and humiliated by her actions will visit Tau; and I venture to assert they will never again listen to any infamous scandal that places her fourth, named in order of merit, among the fraternities of Wabash.

John W. Doak, Tau, '87.
Paris, Ill., December 2, 1885.

A Defense of Northwestern Chapter as to Preps and as to Combinations.

In the last number of the BETA THETA PI appears an article entitled "The Initiation of Preps" which does Rho great injustice. The writer, "C. K.," treads, with very great self-reliance, ground as to the prep question which is generally considered at least debatable; but even with his strict interpretations he might have been saved the waste of much indignation if he had taken the trouble to learn our real policy. Waiving all argument as to the entire constitutionality of taking regularly-entered preps at any time, we

The So-Called Prep Initiation at Dickinson.

It is putting it mildly to say that not only the active, but also a number of alumni members of Alpha Sigma, at Carlisle and elsewhere, were pained to read the communication, signed "C. K.", in the November BETA THETA PI, based, as it was, upon such false premises—at least, so far as it deals with the initiation of Meily, '89, during commencement week of June last. Prompted by a deep sense of justice toward the chapter, and urged by several good Betas of some years' standing, I must ask permission to vindicate what can be characterized as no less than the wounded honor of our chapter.

And, first, let me suggest to "C. K." that before he undertakes to class Alpha Sigma, or any other chapter of its high standing and record, as among those given up to the reprehensible practice of initiating preps, he fully inform himself as to the facts of the case.

Next, let me call his attention to the fact that by forming conclusions from such slender information as he evidently had in this case and rushing into print with them, he not only commits an injustice by the act itself, but also by such covert threats as attended his performance in this case he is liable to endanger seriously the chapter's prospects in a "spiking" campaign. It is not at all pleasant to contemplate that we, after having written to General Secretary Hanna more than a month since a letter deploring the fact that, with possibly one exception beside ourselves, every chapter at Dickinson is engaged in pledging preps of '90 and even '91, and, as we believe, in some cases in even initiating them—that we, I say, should be met with the charge of doing the self-same things, and with the insinuation that we are accustomed to doing them. Yes, and these statements were sprung upon us in the midst of a long and tedious campaign that is not yet ended.

As to the particular case of Meily, I must deny that he was a prep when initiated. Almost a week before that time, Principal Bower, of the preparatory school, according to custom and by express authority from the faculty of the college, publicly read the names of such students as had passed satisfactory examinations in all studies required for admission, and declared them admitted to the freshman

class; and, by general consent an established usage, they assumed privileges, traditional and otherwise, allotted to members of that class. This number was Meily, whom the principal pronounced to me to-day to be an "exceptionally fine student." On principle does "C. K." form his opinion of admission to a class if he holds that a student formally declared admitted in June is not formally admitted, and one not formally admitted in September is admitted? Meily was not a freshman, then, by the reports and the reports of all chapters presented at the summer convention. It is wrong in calling sophomores, juniors, and seniors such members as are advanced by decree of the authorities in June, for they are declared advanced in almost precisely the same way.

In the next place, if Meily has been considered by us as yet a prep student, the circumstances in this campaign for him, and our relations with at least one other fraternity in connection with the affair, were such that we have felt warranted in asking permission from the proper authorities to initiate him when we did. For these reasons I will not publish details. I am prepared to give the central authorities "C. K." any and all information on the case, such as cannot fail to convince them of the rightness of our position.

Next, we are characterized as "unfortunate," because Meily does not live within a short distance of Carlisle. Only in the sense of being separated from continued intercourse with an esteemed brother do we consider ourselves unfortunate; but Meily happily lives within a short distance of Carlisle that we have opportunities of seeing him. He was at Carlisle, and soon we were with him, only two or three days before I read "C. K.'s" communication. Further, he declared his intention of returning in January.

And now a word as to the general attitude of Alpha Sigma on this question. First, the initiation of Meily is an instance in the history of Alpha Sigma in which its position was rendered to be even misunderstood. There has been a uniformly prevalent wish to prevent the very appearance of evil.

Second, if "C. K." will refer to the minutes of the General Convention of 1882, page 31, he will find, in the report of brother W. A. Hamilton on this occasion, the following: "One (c

our track and perhaps admit that it was waddle to talk about Beta Theta Pi being "held back in the fraternity race and humiliated" by such a policy as ours. If we thought that harm could possibly come to the fraternity from any of our practices we certainly should drop such practices immediately.

C. S. Tomlinson.

An Alumnus on Preps and Combinations at Northwestern.

Suppose "C. K." should some morning be greeted by his old friend A. B. with "How are you, my dear boy! I just parted from a fellow, C. D., with whom I became acquainted a few days ago, and he tells me that you are an awful liar. Why *will* you fall into such bad habits? Do you not know that you are compromising your reputation and disgracing your family?" From such indications it would require no unusual powers of forecast to predict "rapidly falling temperature."

Let us have criticism. Let it continue to be a principle in BETA THETA PI. But does it not become dangerous in the hands of a person whose logic is of that pyrotechnic order which "C. K." displays? Accepting the premises upon which his letter is based, he must be of more than ordinary mental agility who can follow "C. K." in his deduction that cliquing in Rho is the direct result of prep initiations.

Moreover, when "C. K." takes as a basis for his sweeping criticism upon Rho statements which are absolutely false, he has none of the privileges of a critic. True, he is not responsible for the mis-statements of a correspondent; but he is careless. It is impossible to tell how many gray hairs "C. K." carries, but he speaks as one having authority in his reference (let no irreverent Greek mutter *καταίσιον*) to the chapter-killer. If he has been through the experience of chapter life, he should certainly have learned to receive with a *grain* of allowance the estimate of a rival; yet he did not take the pains to verify in the smallest particular the information which he gleaned from the *Shield*, neither did he give Rho the benefit of the contradictions which he might have found in the same.

It is unnecessary to discuss here the animus which inspired the writer of the letter cited by "C. K." One not present

at the ceremonies cannot say whether or not Phi Kappa Psi did *initiate* preps during the year '84-'85; but this I can say: Of the three men who put on the "shield" in June last, one was pledged as a first-year prep, and from the spring of '84 enjoyed all the privileges of the fraternity, such as freedom of the hall, attendance upon their banquets, receptions, etc. Another was pledged in the spring of '84 as a senior prep, re-entered prep last year, and enjoyed all that intercourse which to outsiders marked him as a member of the fraternity. The third was recognized as a member of the fraternity by all his class during his senior prep year. More than this, in the fall of '84 it was argued by Phi Kappa Psi to one of the men whom Beta Theta Pi initiated in June last, that a pledge to Beta Theta Pi meant the postponement of fraternity intercourse till the freshman year, while Phi Kappa Psi would give him all of her privileges at once. Immediate initiation was held out as a special inducement for a decision favorable to Phi Kappa Psi.

"C. K." knows—or might have known had he taken the trouble to read Rho's last semi-annual—that her preps were not initiated till the commencement season. Then why does he attempt to give the impression that Phi Kappa Psi was working on a different basis, when her correspondent acknowledges in the same letter that her preps were also initiated in the commencement season?

It should be unnecessary to again state Rho's position on the prep question, but it seems to be demanded. In a chapter letter of two years ago (vol. xi, p. 364, BETA THETA PI,) it was announced that Rho had decided to refrain from her old custom of initiating one man in prep, and to resort to pledging, taking in the preps in the spring of their senior year. Since the spring of '83, no prep, as such, has been initiated by Rho. Last year, especially, her treatment of preps was in such marked contrast to that of the other fraternities as to excite general comment, "C. K.'s" Phi Kappa Psi informant to the contrary notwithstanding.

I know of no better way of answering the charge of cliquing than by presenting statistics. Elective honors at Northwestern may be divided into two classes, (1) class and society offices, (2) positions on contests.

The Phi Kappa Psi correspondent says that "an offensive alliance of Delta

Upsilon and Beta Theta Pi won for these two fraternities most of the small offices during the year." Yet he adds in the next paragraph, "the presidencies of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes were held by Phi Kappa Psis, likewise three out of the six editorships of the *Northwestern*."

It might be added that of the remaining minor class offices, Phi Kappa Psi held five, while to Beta Theta Pi was allotted, out of the whole, one humble secretaryship. Of the remaining positions on the *Northwestern*, Beta and Delta Upsilon each held one. Beta Theta Pi held the presidency of the base ball association (only Betas and Delta Upsilons were eligible). Delta Upsilon held the position of editor, Beta Theta Pi of manager of the *Syllabus*, the college annual. Of the four Adelpheic contestants, two were Phi Kappa Psis; no Betas. Of the six Gage contestants, two were Phi Kappa Psis, one Beta. Of the ten Norton contestants (seven ladies), one was a Phi Kappa Psi, and two were Delta Upsilons. In the case of those much-mooted preps, two Phi Kappa Psis obtained places on the commencement programme, and one Beta. I think I have named all the elective positions of honor which are enumerated in the annual; and it will be seen that Beta Theta Pi held one class office, one position on a contest, the managership of the *Syllabus*, the editorship of the *Northwestern*, and the presidency of the base ball association—three positions—one of those assigned by custom to the senior class, and two in the under classes. Truly not a very startling state of affairs when it is understood that Beta Theta Pi and Delta Upsilon had each four men in the senior class and Phi Kappa Psi but two.

"C. K." omitted to mention one innuendo of his Phi Kappa Psi friend, viz., that Rho had been derelict in meeting her financial engagements. Probably he holds this in reserve.

As I said in the beginning, let criticism have its place in the columns of the BETA THETA PI, but let it be administered in the fraternal spirit that aims at elevating the tone of all our chapters, and not in the carping spirit that seizes upon the insinuation of any malcontent as a pretext for spreading reports which time and patience can never completely contradict.

W. D. F.

Cincinnati, O., December 21, 1885.

The Man Who Does Not Subscribe and the Brother Who Does.

I asked a man, who is catalogued on our rolls as a Beta, whether or not he subscribed for the BETA THETA PI. His answer was "No," and came freezing from the poles. "I see," I replied, "you are getting your shell on." "How so?" said he. "I mean just this," I said, "that when men recoil at the suggestion of college and fraternal ties and cease to sympathize with their early lives, and find no profit or pleasure in college friendships and remembrances, they are secreting their outside bones. I am told there is an animal that goes on secreting its shell until that shell has so enveloped it that the animal dies for want of sustenance. It may be that the shell you are growing will cut you off from all human sympathies and end in social, perhaps moral, suicide. You say that college and fraternity papers in general are puerile, and yet you have never done anything to make them otherwise."

While our unsympathetic critic has been sleeping, as it were, the fraternity has gone beyond him. His name is nearly forgotten by his chapter, till some gray-haired patriot of the former times asks, at a reunion, "What has become of old Wayback Evans, who graduated in '56 and went West?" No one knows. The chapter secretary says that he never responds to letters from the chapter and invitations to reunions. The historiographer can follow him a few years, and then he is lost in the dense fog of barbarism. The catalogue reads: "Wayback Evans: graduated, 1856. Located at some point in the West." A smart young collegian rises and states that the foregoing summer he ran across brother Evans, but that the gentleman was so busy he could not recall what "society" he did join. Perhaps by this time he is dead. Little his early classmates and friends know, and strange, is it not? if they should care. And yet they *do* care, and his name on the roll is probably marked with some peculiar hieroglyphics in pencil which, being translated, mean *hunt him up*, and perhaps every secretary of his chapter, in turn, has given some thought and effort to that end.

Yes, you are growing your shell. The first step is complaining, unsympathetic criticism; the last is indifference. But, thanks to the virtue of the waters of our

Pierian spring, to continue to drink of them is to renew at each draught the generous, friendly impulses of youth. Thanks, also, to the spirit of the fraternity, our friend Wayback Evans is a type of the small minority, and Beta Theta Pi yields to no fraternity in the loyalty of her alumni and the mellow virtues of her silver grays.

If the paper be puerile, give some of your manhood to strengthen it. Ill does it become the deserters to criticise the men in the midst of the fight; and, above all, do not grow a shell.

And this matter of shell-growing puts me in mind that the other day I met Major Ransom, of Lansing. What Beta does not know him and is not a better Beta for it? A perfect specimen of the non-shell-growing Beta! I had a Sunday-morning walk with him, and how many miles we traversed, absorbed in talk about the boys and the interests of Beta Theta Pi, I dare not say, for fear of being accused of not having attended church that morning. One would hardly think that a man of Major Ransom's years, slightly stooped in figure and gray in hair—tho' fresh and vigorous in mind and heart—occupying a position of public responsibility, with a knowledge of men and things gained from a particularly varied experience,—I say one would hardly think he would be interested in the schemes and projects of the fraternity to any great extent. Yet such is the case, and, not only that, he is deeply interested in the *minutiae* of chapter life. In his long career he has met a remarkably large number of Betas, whose names and faces and characteristics he is able to recall with surprising facility. The night preceding the morning of our walk the Major sat a Beta banquet on the same spot he had occupied at a Beta banquet thirty-nine years before. He said to me:

"Men have wondered how I retain so much interest in the fraternity. I tell them it is because I find I can not afford to give up the pleasant friendships, the social relations, the sacred memories of the years of my connection with it." And these friendships include not only the friends of over a third of a century, but also the beardless "babes" of his old chapter. Brother Junius E. Beal, of Ann Arbor, guards the archives of Lambda, and in their pages I find written what shall close this familiar letter. The record reads:

WYLLYS CADWELL RANSOM.—Born April 28th, 1828, at Townshend, Windham county, Vermont. Residence, Lansing, Mich. Entered sophomore class in University of Michigan, September, 1845, then residing at Kalamazoo. Was initiated into Lambda chapter of Beta Theta Pi in February, 1846. Graduated, August, 1848. Degree of A.B. In 1851, A.M., in course. January 1, 1849, private secretary of governor of Michigan. April, 1849, clerk in auditor general's office, state of Michigan, for two and a half years. July, 1854, after five years in business pursuits at Kalamazoo, appointed auditor accountant of the surveyor general's office of Kansas and Nebraska. October, 1859, chief clerk in charge of U. S. Land Office at Fort Scott, Kansas. April 20, 1861, lieutenant Company C, 2d Reg't Kansas Volunteers. May 15, 1861, captain of same company. August 10, 1861, captain of Company A, 6th Regiment Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. March 5, 1862, major of same regiment. May, 1865, clerk of circuit court, Jackson county, Mo. September, 1869, auditor and treasurer S. S. & G. R. R. Co. January, 1872, president board of education, Leavenworth, Kansas. January, 1877, auditor Chicago & Lake Huron R. R. May, 1881, deputy commissioner of railroads in Michigan. Secretary of Third Triennial Convention of Beta Theta Pi at Hudson, O., September, 1848. President Beta Theta Pi annual conventions at Cincinnati, O., December 31st, 1873; Evansville, Ind., August, 1875; Baltimore, Md., 1880; Saratoga, N. Y., 1883. Attended every annual convention of the fraternity, 1873-1885, save two.

Gossip.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Wabash.

The college studies have recently been supplemented with an extended course of lectures on history, delivered before the senior class by Dr. DeWitt, of Lane Seminary. An item has been added to the list of college prizes, namely an "Inter-Society Debate"; first prize fifty dollars, second prize twenty-five dollars.

We have introduced into our chapter meetings the feature, quite old to many of our sister chapters, of reading Shakespeare. Otherwise, Tau has for several weeks been pursuing the even tenor of chapter life, and has, above all, initiated no preps. The reason of this seeming inaction is that the Beta material has been exhausted from the preparatory department. And this brings us to an open letter in the last BETA THETA PI; an article hardly worthy of comment for aught it contained in itself, but exacting consideration on the ground of country.

That open letter, signed "C. K." is a scorching invective against those chapters that are wont to initiate preps, and it directs the gaze of the fraternity at large upon Rho and Tau. In concluding his remarks, "C. K." grandiloquently exclaims, "now let us hear some argument for prep initiations." It is unnecessary to say that "C. K." doesn't know what he is talking about. This question is not a new one at Wabash, and no Beta chapter decries the initiation of preps more than does Tau. But this we say, that, while there are many theoretical objections to the plan, they are too apt to fail when brought into practice. A few fraternities here are really opposed to taking preps; yet the fact stands that of the many fraternities that have at times been located here not one has ever practiced the anti-prep principle. Under this state of affairs is it not reasonable to believe that in seasons of sharp, close competition we would be worsted by "total abstinence"? In fact, we have tried pledging and it failed us.

"Why, then, must Tau take preps 'in order to live'?" says the chronic kicker. Why, indeed? Oh, no, the Wabash chapter of Beta Theta Pi could *live* for years on naught but reputation. She stands

too high in the social circles of the city, is too well known and respected among the professors and the better class of students of Wabash College to die ignobly from being deprived of preps. Mere existence, however, is not our end and aim. We aspire to maintain our wonted supremacy over our rivals, to sustain that precedence which for years has been conceded to us, and which we enjoy to-day. Perhaps Tau's light does not shine most brilliantly in the splendid galaxy of Beta chapters; but it shines. Who will gainsay the worth, the credit, which, through her alumni, she has reflected upon the general fraternity of Beta? We say this in no cringing spirit. We are what we are without a plea.

For some time we have been familiar with the contents of the article published in the magazine of "a rival fraternity not represented at Wabash." But thinking that no Beta could possibly give it credence, we dismissed it as trash without further consideration. For the sake of "C. K." and any of his friends who are concerned about the welfare of Tau, we will say that the article was written by a Delta Tau, who came to Wabash last fall under pressure of the boot-toe of the DePauw faculty. With this gentleman came, riding before the same force, his fast friend and adviser, a Phi Delta Theta. The Phis have no love for us. We went into their hall last year and relieved them of their best man. Having explained circumstances, we now desire to say that any man who places Phi Delta Theta at Wabash above or equal to the Tau of Beta Theta Pi does not prevaricate, neither does he equivocate, nor yet is he laboring under a delusion; but he does much worse, very much worse.

We doubt little that "C. K." means well. Yet, if he would secure for himself immortal fame as a reformer he should begin by seasoning his deliberations with a little more common sense and less fanaticism. He should strike at the trunk, and not the branches. His must be a pan-hellenic reform.

Why choose Rho and Tau for chastisement? Are we alone guilty?

Parke Daniels, Cor. Sec.
December 5, 1885.

University of Iowa.

The contest for new men has been carried on under peculiar circumstances. As far as it has been decided, Alpha Beta has great cause for congratulation. On the first Saturday of the term we initiated Gates, '88, and Davis, '89, as stated in our last letter. Since then but one has been admitted, F. S. Watkins, '88, who was rescued from the clutches of Phi Delta Theta and is a valuable addition to our number. At his initiation we had the assistance of W. R. Goodwin, Delta, '83, who, by the way, is as whole-souled and entertaining a Beta as it has ever been our pleasure to meet. His visit was greatly enjoyed by us all and we hope his way may be through Iowa City again. As we lose six men by graduation this year, it is necessary to secure a strong representation from the present freshman class to make good the loss. In Davis we have an active worker who gives us a good hold on the rest of the class. We have also one more pledged. The remaining men we want refused from the first to join any fraternity this term and even to pledge. This has made a long fight in which eternal vigilance is still necessary. Without being over confident, we feel that the battle is already as good as won. Before another letter our number will probably be swelled by four as good men as ever wore a Beta pin.

The condition of our rivals has changed materially since last year. Phi Delta Theta, while containing some good men, is very weak numerically, with little prospect of becoming stronger during the present year. The Delts, while not as strong as two years ago, are still very active and it is with them we have had the hardest contest. Phi Kappa Psi has obtained a strong foothold, considering that the chapter was established here only last year. With the Sigma Chi we never come into contact in regard to new men. It may not be out of place to mention here, though not as an item concerning our rivals, that the Kappa Kappa Gammas will shortly move into new and more commodious rooms, an evidence of their continuing prosperity.

Several of us had the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving with brothers Johnson and Musser, at Muscatine. No one was ever more royally entertained. Without going into details, our reception showed the strength of Beta friendship.

A decided change has come over school life since the first five weeks of the term. New names and faces are familiar, the excitement of "rushing" is nearly over, and the cold is fast putting an end to out-door sports. Every one has settled down into his place, while recitations and study form the regular routine. How dull this would become at times, were it not for the pleasures of chapter life!

Elbridge H. Sabin, Cor. Sec.
December 4, 1885.

St. Lawrence.

This year, in place of our regular Thanksgiving masquerade, Beta Zeta gave a dress reception and ball. In spite of bad weather, the affair was in every respect a success. By a special arrangement the celebrated Harvard College Quartette has been secured to give a concert under the auspices of Beta Zeta, December 18th, 1885. Such entertainments are very popular in town, and we expect the concert to be a great success, in the financial line especially.

We are settling down now to the home-stretch of our term's work. Our term closes the 23rd of December, and our vacation extends to the 4th of February.

As nothing of importance has happened, we have nothing interesting to report. I have written, not because I have anything to say, nor because I think this letter will be read by one out of twenty chapters of the fraternity, but because a letter was called for by the magazine, and the demand is expected to be answered at once, in some manner. And this circumstance leads me to question the propriety and expediency of filling so large a space of our magazine with these oft-repeated, high-colored, stereotyped, uninteresting chapter letters. I think that two chapter letters a year from each chapter, beside the semi-annual circulars, are enough for that form of matter. That will give us over ninety letters for ten numbers of the magazine. In this way the letters may be made interesting and profitable; but under the present system much has to be repeated in each letter, and the correspondent is apt to resort to his imagination and to high coloring to fill his pages. The new requirements for the semi-annuals make them take in nearly everything of importance in the chapter's annual history. I think that each chapter ought to be willing to help

support the magazine and to furnish matter for its readers; but I would have the amount of chapter letters cut down, and the space filled with matter under other heads and of a more interesting nature. But I was to write only a chapter telling what loyal Greeks we are, in what a flourishing condition we are, and how everything is just a-booming with Beta Zeta.

A. B. Church, Ass't Cor. Sec.
December 7, 1885.

Ohio University.

A local organization has arisen here called by its members Omega Gamma Chi. It is a ladies' fraternity, or sorority, organized in opposition to Kappa Alpha Theta.

I notice in the November BETA THETA Pi an article on the initiation of preps. We firmly believe in the doctrines of that article, if other fraternities would follow them. There is enough material here to keep all of the fraternities in good condition as to membership; but where all rivals are guilty of the practice of initiating preps, of course, one cannot hold off and initiate as freshmen those whom the rivals would not have as preps. This is the condition of affairs here. Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta will initiate a first-year prep if he bids fair to make a first-class man, and so it behooves us to look out for ourselves or we shall get only the leavings. It has been our custom not to initiate students until they have at least two studies in the collegiate department and pay college tuition. The classification in the college catalogue is not according to the average of the studies pursued, but often students who pay college tuition are classified as senior and even junior preps.

It is pleasing to note that as the number of students entering each year is gradually increasing their quality is becoming better in a larger ratio.

Chas. H. Higgins, Cor. Sec.
December 5, 1885.

Wooster.

Since our last letter Alpha Lambda has been in every way active. The phenomenal success which attended our early efforts has been followed by still greater achievements. In addition to the initiates mentioned in our last letter, we have re-

ceived into Beta relations four most worthy members—John Hughes, '89, Parisville, O.; Charles M. Moderwell, '89, Geneseo, Ill.; Frank E. Bradshaw, '87, Brookfield, Mo., and Thomas P. Berry, Barnesville, O. In Moderwell and Hughes we see the spoils in a contest with three of our rivals. Bradshaw adds greatly to the strength of the chapter, and enjoys a most creditable distinction in class-room. Berry's introduction into the mystic realms of Betadom was an occasion of no little interest in Wooster fraternity circles; as up to the time of his initiation into Beta Theta Pi he had worn the badge of Delta Tau Delta, thus making his route from the barbarian to the Beta world rather indirect and somewhat novel. In Berry we have secured a man of rare social and literary qualities, and one who will reflect great credit both on his fraternity and on *alma mater*. The advisability of a man's leaving associations for others more congenial seems to be questioned by a Phi Gam Wooster reporter for the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, in whose unimpeachable judgment our course was deemed a "relic of barbarism," and inconsistent with the conduct of decent fraternity men. It is, however, the general sentiment here that our last initiate is a relic *digna quae sit desideranda* by any fraternity.

In view of the somewhat gloomy prospects which greeted us last September, as with only seven men we opened the campaign, we feel like congratulating ourselves on our present growth and prosperous condition, the chapter now numbering thirteen active members.

Among our rivals very little of an aggressive character has been done, there being but few initiates in the college proper. The practice of initiating preparatory students prevails here to a great extent, we being the only chapter that ignores the prep. We are glad to say, however, that our position on this question does not detract from our strength or lessen our advantages in any respect. On the other hand, as a chapter it gives us a more dignified and pronounced standing.

In society halls Alpha Lambda has had occasion to assert her independence and vindicate her position on questions of society politics. She has frowned upon combinations and cliques in a way that has won the respect and confidence of all those, both frat and non-frat, who have the best interests of the societies at heart.

The university lecture course opened very auspiciously with Talmage in his "Big Blunders." The plan of the course is well arranged, and will meet the object of its projectors.

E. P. Dunlap, Ass't Cor. Sec.
December 8, 1885.

Hanover.

On the evening of November 7th the Greeks of our order might have been seen wending their way to our hall. Each was accompanied by a fair sister. Twelve couples assembled around a table loaded with such things as are wont to tempt the appetite of an average Beta. After a few remarks by W. B. Riley, '84, and a splendid speech by S. J. Gilpin, '65, of Winterset, Iowa, the *dinner* was duly slaughtered and highly appreciated. After loyal songs and pleasant conversation we adjourned. These pleasant memories were still fresh in our thoughts when we were called to participate in another occasion equally enjoyable. On Thursday evening, November 26, kind *sorores in urbe* prepared a fine supper for the chapter. It is needless to say that this was highly appreciated. J. A. Carnegie, '81, was present to enliven the occasion.

Dr. Fisher has just returned from an extensive tour among the eastern colleges. Professor Baird, who has been sick for some time, has recovered and returned to his duties.

We will attempt to give a short account of the situation, history and condition of Hanover College. The charter granted by the legislature of Indiana incorporating Hanover Academy is dated 1828. This academy, with Rev. John Finley Crowe, D. D., as president, was the foundation of Hanover College, the charter of which was granted in 1833. In this latter year the theological department was added, with Rev. John Matthews, D. D., as professor. This department was removed to New Albany in 1840, and in 1859 to Chicago, Ill., where it still remains; and therefore the Northwestern Theological Seminary is in reality a part of Hanover College.

From the time of its foundation till the present, friends have been found who have gladly aided by their influence and money, and the college stands to-day prepared and equipped for its work. The endowment fund, 250 acres of land

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Although the number of students is not large, yet we have enough to keep things interesting for the fraternities represented here. For years the faculty was bitter in denouncing Greek fraternities, but these days have long since passed away, and in many instances the faculty are our friends and assistants. The following is a list of the fraternities and the date of their founding:

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This is but a very brief account of the college and the fraternities, but I feel that Iota has consumed enough of your time for the present.

F. E. Abrams, Cor. Sec.
December 10, 1885.

Johns Hopkins.

The Johns Hopkins University was founded in the year 1876, on the 22d of February, by a board of trustees appointed and empowered by the will and testament of the late Johns Hopkins, a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, Md. This board was given full power to construct a university and to appoint all the instructors, etc., thereof. Further, upon the death of any member of the board the remaining members were to elect a new member to fill the vacancy. The present board consists of the following citizens of Baltimore City, who were, in the main, personal friends of the founder: George W. Dobbin, president; Francis White, treasurer; Lewis N. Hopkins, secretary; George W. Brown, J. P. Elliot, John W. Garrett, C. J. M. Gwinn, Francis T. King, J. Hall Pleasants, Alan P. Smith, C. Morton Stewart, and J. Carey Thomas.

This board at once bought up as much of the property on Little Ross street, both sides, between Howard and Eutaw streets, and Monument street, between the same two streets, as they were able. Buildings were at once erected and an academic staff, consisting of the following gentlemen, appointed: president, D. C. Gilman; professors, B. L. Gildersleeve, H. N. Martin, Ira Remsen, C. D. Morris, H. B. Adams, C. S. Hastings, W. E. Story, H. N. Morse, A. M. Elliott, and C. S. Peirce. This staff was increased year by year and now numbers forty-three. The university is not and never was controlled by any denomination. The departments represented in the university are the following: Latin, Greek, mathematics, chemistry, mineralogy, physics, astronomy, biology, philosophy, romance languages, modern languages, Shemitic languages, Sanskrit, history, political science, and physical culture. These are the main departments, and under each are separate divisions; for example, under biology are physiology, morphology, and botany; under philosophy are logic, history of philosophy, psychology, ethics, and pedagogics.

The endowment of the university is three million dollars, and the interest of this the trustees can use as they think fit. The value of the grounds, buildings, apparatus, etc., is about \$500,000. The cost of tuition is \$100 per year, payable half in November and half in February. If, as in special cases, the students receive Hopkins scholarships, fellowships, etc., their tuition is free, and they are, besides, paid \$100 to \$250 per year. These scholarships are competed for upon matriculation; while the fellowships are conferred by the board of university advisers upon such graduate students as are thought worthy of them. The number of students for the year 1885-6 is about 300, divided as follows: graduates, 165; matriculates, 94; special students, 41. All of the students are men, only one woman having ever attended classes here.

The method of instruction followed here is somewhat different from that followed in most American colleges. There are three classes of students, as above given, viz.: graduates, undergraduates or matriculates, and special students. The class first named consists of graduates of the Johns Hopkins University or any

other college or university. These generally follow one subject as their specialty for the degree of doctor of philosophy. Besides this they are compelled to take two minor subjects, generally branches allied to their main subject; as, for instance, a graduate student in chemistry would be apt to choose as his minor subjects mineralogy and physics or biology. The matriculates, after having passed all the branches required for matriculation, can choose one of seven prescribed courses, each of which consists of two main subjects and five minor courses, besides certain prescribed work for every one, covering in all three years. These seven courses, each of which leads to the degree of bachelor of arts, are as follows: 1. Main subjects, Latin and Greek; minors, German, French (*P. H. E.), (L. E. P.), and one minor course in one of the three sciences, physics, chemistry, or biology. 2. Main subjects, mathematics and physics; minors, the same as in 1. 3. Main subjects, chemistry and biology; minors, German, French (*P. H. E.), (L. E. P.), and the minor in physics. 4. Main subjects, chemistry and physics; minors, the same as 3, but minor mathematics instead of minor physics. 5. Main subjects, Latin and mathematics; minors, the same as in 1. 6. Main subjects, history and political science; minors, the same as in 1. 7. Main subjects, English and German or French; minors (*P. H. E.), (L. E. P.), Latin, history, and one of three sciences. Every student must also take courses in physical culture, drawing, vocal culture, and theory of accounts. A main subject, or major, consists of two years' work in that subject, while a minor only consists of one year's work, the second year's work being more advanced than the first year's. The matriculates must stand examinations at regular intervals throughout their course of three years, while the graduates and specials are exempt from this. The special students can take any course or courses they choose, but receive no degree.

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Besides the regular seminaries of the different professors, held weekly, the only literary society is the Hopkins House of Commons, where, as its name implies, debates and arguments are carried on. It was organized about a year ago, and has quite a good attendance. Bills are brought up by the ministry every week, and have to pass through

three readings before they are passed. It is, of course, based upon the English House of Commons, so that whenever a bill brought up by the ministry is defeated the ministry retire, and a new prime minister is appointed by the speaker. The new prime minister then selects his own ministry, no member of which can have been a member of the late ministry.

A. R. L. Dohme, Cor. Sec.
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Madison.

This institution is at Hamilton, N. Y., a village of some 2,000 inhabitants, situated about thirty miles southwest of Utica. It was founded in 1820, under the name of "Hamilton Literary and Theological Institution." A distinct collegiate course was developed in 1833; and the first class graduated from this course was that of 1835. The incorporation under the name of Madison University took place 1846. In 1850 occurred what is known as the "removal." Many of the professors and most of the students left Hamilton and went to Rochester to found a new university. As the detailed causes of this movement can be of interest only to those who are intimately connected with the two institutions, it is sufficient to state the fact. The history of Madison since that time has been one of quiet progress. The number of graduates (1835-1885) is 928. The university is under the control of the Baptist denomination.

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'82. E. D. HALE is studying at Pacific Theological Seminary, Oakland, Cal., and assimilates with the Omega boys.

'82. J. P. WHITEHEAD is not the only Beta Iota man in the Indian Territory. WOODIN, '85, has also emigrated thither. Whitehead's address is Wealaka, and Woodin's Tabequa, and they are both engaged in soothing the savage. And just over the Kansas line we find two more, FOWLER, '83, at Emporia, in the land business, and PHELPS, '84, at Topeka, as given last month.

'83. E. A. ABORN entered the Chicago Law School this fall.

'84. W. S. BUFFUM has begun his course at Columbia Law School.

'84. A. H. PRATT, when last heard from, was at Los Angeles, Cal., in the insurance business.

'85. W. A. GORDON will be glad to see any Betas who may be passing through Grand Forks, U. T.

'85. T. C. ELLIOTT is no longer at Bridge-water, Conn. He has lately gone to Emporia, Kansas.

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THE DECEMBER SEMI-ANNUAL CIRCULAR LETTER.

I was impatiently awaiting the publication of the November magazine, knowing that it would contain some sound advice on the subject of semi-annuals—and the advice was needed very soon, or it would be useless for the next six months—when the too-previous effusion from OHIO UNIVERSITY upset me. It was a flaccid little thing, bearing unmistakable evidence of hasty and premature parturition. What a pity Higgins did not hold on a week longer. The chapter, with a membership of nine, is evidently superior in *personnel* to Delta Tau Delta (7), and Phi Delta Theta (10). They have had the nerve to expel an unworthy member; an example to some other chapters. It is pleasant to see a chapter which, a few years ago, attracted so much attention by its weakness now so conservative and, to all appearances, in permanent good health. "Much new apparatus has been purchased for the college, including a new steam engine;" and all seems propitious for the future of the chapter. But their semi-annual is not what it should be. It is printed on a deformed sheet of paper, and was mailed November 28th—three days before it should have been written.

It is so unusual to see a semi-annual correctly dated, and forwarded precisely as directed by law, that the prompt arrival of the report from MAINE STATE gave me another surprise. This is one of the few chapters that take the trouble to learn the full names of active members, thereby rendering invaluable aid to future catalogue compilers. The chapter lost four men by graduation—lost them literally, it seems, as their addresses are not given—and, worse, two freshmen are also lost outright, and we may never hear from them again. They have 17 men, against Q. T. V. (34), Kappa Sigma (12). Some decided improvements have been effected in the college; namely, new water works, drawing tables, etc.

The MADISON letter, mailed on the 4th, is so good that I shall be satisfied with the excellent showing the chapter has made and shall pass over defects. They lost only one man, and know exactly where he is. They have taken numerous honors, have recently fitted up their rooms, and are doing excellent work. Rivals are Delta Upsilon (33), and Delta Kappa Epsilon (21).

The carefully-written letter from BOSTON speaks of the self-congratulation of the chapter on its success; and it might well have added a congratulation upon the chapter's general excellence. They are able, with ten men, to more than hold their own against their one rival, Theta Delta Chi, whose "liberal policy in initiating men has made her membership (25) a strange composite, whose elements allow no closer union than a mechanical mixture." The college is making advances "unsurpassed in the history of modern colleges." The following sentiment must be quoted: "Believing that if a chapter ceases to struggle to maintain its supremacy it will soon be compelled to struggle for its life, our men have united in the determination to let the light that our fraternity has wisely placed on Beacon Hill shine out during the present year with increased and ever-increasing brilliancy."

In UNION there seems to be strength. With twelve splendid men we successfully compete with seven rivals, five of them older than our fraternity itself: Psi Upsilon (12), Delta Upsilon (10), Kappa Alpha (8), Sigma Phi (2), Delta Phi (8), Alpha Delta Phi (7), and Phi Delta Theta (11). Three professors of ability have been added, and the college is again improving.

The letter from INDIANA UNIVERSITY tells us that "Mid the 'ups and downs' of fraternity life our chapter is again rising to the ascendancy," with a roll of fifteen men. In order of strength the

fraternities are placed thus: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Gamma Delta. The university never was more prosperous. The new president, buildings, apparatus, and students are giving the utmost satisfaction."

CENTRE, with her lucky "round thirteen," is as large and loyal as ever. She keeps posted as to the whereabouts of her alumni, and always seems to have a warm welcome for visitors. The enemy include Kappa Alpha (Southern) (15), Phi Delta Theta (8), and Sigma Chi (7). The college has received an addition of \$5,000 to its endowment.

IOWA WESLEYAN sends us a large amount of paper, but the matter is triple-leaded, the margin so broad and the illustrations so voluminous—and tasteless—that it easily boils down to: chapter membership, ten (full names wanting); one rival, Phi Delta Theta (10); several alumni teaching, and eight resident Betas "whose names are all quite familiar to our alumni."

The IOWA UNIVERSITY chapter has six seniors and one freshman, with a total membership of fourteen. They are in good condition, with a large number of non-fraternity men to feed on, and have little to fear from Delta Tau Delta (13), Phi Delta Theta (7), Phi Kappa Psi (9), and Sigma Chi (8).

I had no reason to expect even one useless page in a MICHIGAN letter, but this is offset by the mass of condensed information that is published. The chapter has twenty men, with good prospects for a few more freshmen. They have eleven rivals, including Sigma Chi, which confines itself to the law department. The general fraternities are, Chi Psi (11), Alpha Delta Phi (16), Delta Kappa Epsilon (15), Sigma Phi (9), Zeta Psi (10), Psi Upsilon (29), Phi Kappa Psi (24), Delta Tau Delta (16), and Delta Upsilon (24).

HANOVER has little to say, but says it well and prints it nicely. They have ten men, and are not at all afraid of Phi Gamma Delta (11), Phi Delta Theta (12), Sigma Chi (13), and Delta Tau Delta (2). A new professorship has been richly endowed, and the college is making great progress.

WITTENBERG is an excellent chapter, and their letter does them credit. They have sixteen men and no rivals. Other fraternities are represented in college:

Phi Gamma Delta (7), Phi Kappa Psi (9), and Alpha Tau Omega (3). Independent Society (anti-frat.) has come "a beautiful corpse."

The STEVENS letter is so near perfection that its defects may be noted: incorrectly dated, tardily mailed (December 8), full names of members not given, and two blank pages. On the other hand, it is the only letter I have received containing full addresses of active members and full college statistics. From the latter we learn that Beta Theta Pi has fifteen members, Theta Xi (12), Tau Delta (8), Chi Phi (11), Sigma Chi (10), Chi Psi (8), miscellaneous (5), and Phi Gamma Delta (120).

Excepting the roll, which not only tells us the names, but even fails to give the addresses of the members, the list from DENISON is complete. They have enthusiastic resident alumni who meet with them, and, though not fond of bragging, with fourteen men hold their own and a little more, against Sigma Chi (11), and Phi Gamma Delta (13).

The OHIO WESLEYAN letter is dated 11th and mailed 9th. Otherwise it is worthy of one of our finest chapters. With a select membership of four, they are far superior in strength to most of their rivals: Chi Phi (6), Phi Delta Theta (9), Delta Tau Delta (12), Kappa Psi (15), Phi Gamma Delta (13).

The WOOSTER report is one of the best I have received. All the members of last year, twelve, including two who have since been accounted for, and the seven who have since turned up have increased their number to fourteen by the addition of six, of whom, presumably, being twins, are two new rivals, with membership, less prep work, Phi Kappa Psi (9), Phi Delta Theta (16), Sigma Chi (16), Delta Tau Delta (12), Phi Gamma Delta (12). "The university is prospering under the administration of President Scovel, Iota, '53, is holding its own among the best American colleges."

WABASH, having failed to send a letter last May, has made up for it by giving complete information regarding the chapter, the college and its rivals. They have a membership of eleven, including three senior preps. The chapter seems to be a sworn enemy of anything that savors of conservatism. The rivals are Phi Delta Theta (12), Sigma Chi (10), Phi Gamma Delta (10), Phi Kappa Psi (4). The prospect

present condition of the college are briefly mentioned; but the "six-years course" is warmly commended, as it seems a sufficient excuse for taking ups.

It will be interesting to hear the execution of the UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA chapter can offer for the miserable report they have made. The matter could have been passed over in silence if it belonged to some of our weaker chapters, but I cannot conceal my disappointment in this case. The chapter is in one of the longest institutions in America, with seven distinct schools and a very large number of students. Phi has six men, with Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Omega, and Chi Phi as the opposi-

KANSAS has thirteen good men, who seem to be satisfied with everything, except, possibly, their semi-annual, which gives little information other than that they keep track of their alumni and have an ally the I. C. Sorosis, and for rivals Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi and Sigma Chi.

The ST. LAWRENCE letter is, as usual, among the best. The chapter has a membership of seventeen, the same as last year. The nine members in the senior class probably include the larger portion of the men in that class. Alpha Omega, with ten men, is the only one, but fair shares of college honors go to Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, the "ladies' fraternities."

The DICKINSON chapter stands upon its own merits. The chapter has only five men, but they are exceptionally fine men in every way, and have power to maintain their selectness. Their letter gives complete information of events since the last report, and describes the present condition of college affairs. The other fraternities are Theta Delta Chi (10), Phi Kappa Psi (11), Phi Delta Theta (20), Chi Phi (9), and Sigma Chi (10). The college still prospers. The new library, one of the finest buildings in Pennsylvania, is nearly completed. A new scientific building is already completed. Several professors have been added.

After undergoing several changes, the condition of the CORNELL chapter at present is even better than last year. With sixteen men, they receive a goodly

share of honors, contesting against nine fraternities: Alpha Delta Phi (21), Kappa Alpha (19), Delta Kappa Epsilon (10), Theta Delta Chi (13), Psi Upsilon (20), Phi Kappa Psi (8), Chi Psi (15), Delta Upsilon (17), Zeta Psi (13). The chair of ethics has been endowed with \$60,000, a course of industrial art has been added, and, with numerous other improvements, the university is thriving.

There is a scarcity of information from CALIFORNIA, but we learn that they have fourteen men and the certainty of at least one more this term. The other fraternities are Zeta Psi (11), Chi Phi (14), and Delta Kappa Epsilon, (15). With a new president, and a rich and generous State meeting its wants, the university need not fear the twenty-million-dollar Stanford University, which may exist only on paper for many years to come.

The UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, with the aid of resident Betas, is able to maintain a very select and fine chapter, numbering nine men. Besides three Sororities, they meet Phi Kappa Psi (13), Chi Psi (11), Phi Delta Theta (9), Sigma Chi (7), and Delta Upsilon (5). Three handsome buildings for the use of the scientific and engineering branches are nearly completed. "Liberal appropriations by the legislature, and an increased attendance this year, promise continued growth and prosperity."

CUMBERLAND has eighteen men; has one rival, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (17); but is singularly reticent about supplying other desired information.

Few semi-annuals have ever surpassed the letter from VANDERBILT, probably for the reason that few chapters equal Beta Lambda, with its three faculty members, two instructors, and four fellows in the university, besides ten enthusiastic Betas resident. The letter is, unfortunately, dated December 12th, was mailed on the 18th, and so failed to reach many of the chapters last term. The chapter has twenty active men, and its rivals are Southern Kappa Alpha (27), Phi Delta Theta (25), Chi Phi (15), Rainbow (12), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (9), and Kappa Sigma (6). The university has recently received additional donations, and is growing more rapidly than any college in the country.

The UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI letter says: "The condition of our chapter is as good as could be expected." I

should like to hear something a little less vague and a little more correct. We are beginning to expect perfection in our chapters. Beta Beta has fifteen men and the rivals are "about the same" as last year. A letter bristling with so much obscurity leads to the hope that next May we may learn something definite.

An exceptionally good report comes from JOHNS HOPKINS. The chapter has initiated seven men so far this year, which makes the roll now number twenty. The rivals are Phi Kappa Psi (18) and Delta Phi (7).

BELOIT has steadily improved, until she now has sixteen men and seems to have settled into a course of permanent prosperity. She enjoys friendly relations with Sigma Chi (9), and Phi Kappa Psi (12). With the exception of a few changes in the faculty, the college has not kept pace with the improvements of other institutions.

The most superlatively diminutive mis-sive comes from WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON, dated December 1st, mailed December 27th. The chapter, probably, had little to say, and has failed to say it. However, they report eight members, and have for rivals Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Phi Gamma Delta. If men enough could be found, Sigma Chi and the Southern fraternities might complete the galaxy of fossils.

There is room for very little improvement in the letter from NORTHWESTERN. The chapter, with fifteen men, is strong in congeniality, scholarship, and social prestige. The other fraternities are: Phi Kappa Psi (18), Delta Upsilon (14), Sigma Chi (7), and a phenomenon called Phi Kappa Sigma—composed of one senior and three preps.

The last letter received in 1885 is from BROWN. The chapter lost heavily last year by the graduation of six active members, but by the initiation of five freshmen the membership is increased to thirteen. "The men are well represented in all the different institutions of the college." Two new fraternities have been added, making the list now: Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Chi Phi, Theta Delta Chi, Zeta Psi and Delta Upsilon.

RANDOLPH-MACON, with reckless extravagance, sends out three blank pages and one page of matter, in show-bill type. They report ten men, homeless, and

"make no bones" about being superior to Southern Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Kappa, Sigma Chi, and Phi Kappa Sigma. The poster is dated "December 3rd", and was mailed January 3rd. Possibly it was the size prescribed by the general secretary on the former date and grew before it reached me. Unfortunately, the matter contained did not increase in proportion.

HARVARD, AMHERST, COLUMBIA, RUTGERS, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, BETHANY, WESTERN RESERVE, KENYON, RICHMOND, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, DEPAUW and WESTMINSTER have not reported.

From the semi-annual letters that I have received I have attempted to make out a list of the honors recently taken. The enumeration of class and college honors is not made in many of the letters, but the list below, incomplete though it be, causes no little gratification.

At Maine State, Lockwood, '86, took first prize for junior theme; and Jones, '86, and Black, '86, hold highest military honors. At Madison, Douglas, '85, was assistant in rhetoric and valedictorian; Weed, '86, first prize junior essay and second prize declamation; Crawshaw, '87, first prize sophomore essay and present assistant in rhetoric; Meyer, '89, second Dodge entrance prize. At Union, Bishop, '85, was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key, took second Blatchford and was class poet; Crane, '85, and Egelston, '85, were commencement orators. University of Iowa, Loudon, '85, was valedictorian; Campbell, '86, delivered the junior oration; and Brown, '87, was an exhibition debater. At Hanover, Smith, '88, was sophomore salutatorian, with Clemmons, '88, and Wilson, '88, exhibition speakers. Wittenberg "obtained more honors than all her rivals put together." Williams, '85, shared first honor; Sigmund, '86, took first place junior exhibition. The chapter has five out of six members in the literary society contests. At Denison, Sprague, '86, is president of the Reading Room and Lecture Association. Ohio Wesleyan has the valedictorian of one of the literary societies, Pennington, '86; and Park, '86, is on the Senior Lecture Committee. Wooster is credited with second and fourth honors in '85, taken respectively by Moore and Weaver. Wabash has Allen, '85, class orator; Maxwell, '86, first prize junior essay; Doak, '87, second

prize sophomore oration, and McCain, '89, second prize prep declamation. Maïson, '83, was one of the commencement orators at University of Pennsylvania. Five of the eight prizes at St. Lawrence went to Betas. At Dickinson, Baker, '85, was salutatorian and second honor; and Welsh, '88, took the freshman English prize. Sackett, '86, is the memorial orator at the next Cornell commencement. Morris, '87, is on the junior oratorical contest at Wisconsin University. At Vanderbilt, Harris, '86, represents his class at commencement, and has been elected contestant in the inter-state oratorical. At University of Mississippi, Cochran, law '85, carried off first honor. In the Johns Hopkins chapter nearly all are honor men; Bayley has received the fellowship in geology; Campbell, a graduate scholarship in biology; and Castle one in chemistry; Hough, '86, Applegarth, '87, and Miller, '88, have honorary scholarships; and Simon, '88, a Hopkins scholarship. At Beloit, Olds, '86, took the prize for missionary essay; and Densmore, '86, Robertson, '86, and Olds, '86, were oratorical contestants December 1st. Densmore is Archæan poet and president of the Archæan Union. Northwestern has the sophomore and freshman class presidents.

Now let me turn to the recent record in college journalism. Maine State *Cadet*, five out of ten editors. *Madisonensis*, Douglas editor-in-chief last year; this year, Lyman, business manager, Weed and Crawshaw associate editors. The *Madisonensis* corps consists of five men. Crawshaw is also one of four editors of the college annual. Egelston '85, was editor Union *Con.* Mozier, '86, is business manager of the University of Iowa *Vidette-Reporter*. Whyte, '86, is managing editor of the *Michigan Chronicle*. Blyth, '86, is business manager of *The Hanover Monthly*. Greenawalt represents the theological department on the *Wittenberger*. Field, '86, is managing editor of the Stevens *Indicator*, also of the *Bolt*. Sprague, '86, is editor of the *Denison Weekly News*. Irvin, '86, is editor-in-chief and Greer, '86, and Pennington, '86, are business managers on the *Transcript* of Ohio Wesleyan. At Wooster, Burgoyne, '86, is the senior editor of the *University Voice*, and Dunlap, '87, and Todd, '87, are on the Dickinson annual. Sackett, '86, is business manager of the Cornell

Daily Sun, and Miller, '88, is one of the editors. At Wisconsin University, Shedd, '86, and DeLaney, '87, are on the *Press and Badger*. Ellis, '86, is business manager of the *Vanderbilt Observer*. Burge, '86, Fitzhugh, '86, Quin, '86, and Moore, law, are editors of the *Mississippi University Magazine*. Axtell, '86, and Dauchy, '87, edit the exchange and local columns of the *Beloit Round Table*. Hamill, '89, is editor-in-chief of the Northwestern annual. At Brown, Ward, '86, is on the *Brunonian*, and Willis, '86, is chairman of the board of editors of the *Liber Brunensis*. Three Betas are on the staff of the *Randolph-Macon Monthly*.

I will close with some general statistics. Thirty-three chapters have reported. They have a total membership of 449, divided by classes as follows: '86, 95; '87, 103; '88, 102; '89, 97; '90, 5; law, 12; post-graduate, 15; theological, 8; medical, 2; not classed, 10. By residence the division is, Alabama, 3; California, 15; Colorado, 6; Dakota, 1; Delaware, 1; District of Columbia, 2; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 33; Indiana, 34; Iowa, 21; Kansas, 13; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 1; Maine, 16; Maryland, 14; Massachusetts, 14; Michigan, 6; Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 18; Missouri, 5; Nebraska, 3; New Jersey, 6; New York, 44; Ohio, 52; Pennsylvania, 23; Rhode Island, 7; South Carolina, 3; Tennessee, 20; Texas, 6; Vermont, 1; Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 16; Wyoming Territory, 1; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Sandwich Islands, and Argentine Republic, one each; and 24 members of Denison and Randolph Macon whose addresses are omitted. Michigan, Vanderbilt, and Johns Hopkins, with 20 men each, are the largest chapters, while Dickinson and University of Pennsylvania, with memberships of 6, are smallest.

In the thirty-three colleges that have reported we meet 27 fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi 17, Phi Delta Theta 16, Sigma Chi 14, Phi Gamma Delta 9, Delta Tau Delta 9, Chi Phi 7, Delta Upsilon 7, Delta Kappa Epsilon 6, Zeta Psi 6, Chi Psi 5, Alpha Delta Phi 4, Theta Delta Chi 4, Delta Phi 4, Psi Upsilon 4, Alpha Tau Omega 3, Phi Kappa Sigma 3, S. A. E. 3, Southern Kappa Alpha 3, Northern Kappa Alpha 2, Kappa Sigma, 2, Sigma Phi 2, Delta Psi 2, Q. T. V. 2, Rainbow 1, Sigma Nu 1, Kappa Sigma Kappa 1, and Theta

BETA BREVITIES.

Xi 1—in all 139 chapters, with an approximate total membership of 1,800. The approximate number of non-frater-

nity students, omitting women and preps, is 3,250.

Richard Lee Fearn.

BETA BREVITIES.

Through the rare felicity of the times you are permitted to think what you please, and to publish what you think.

Tacitus.

The late semi-annuals, especially the very late ones, are not all in yet, but I have seen enough of them to warrant the assertion that they are as far below the ideal as usual. "An Ex-Cor. Sec." made some suggestions in the November number, but his powder and shot seem to have been wasted on those few thick-skinned cor. secs. who needed his advice. Nearly all the cor. secs. are, in some degree, impervious. They don't recognize that they are not all-wise; but we do, if only from the fact that they are still undergraduates. When these self-reliant delinquents do see how they are doing neither themselves nor their chapters ordinary justice, they cease to be conscientious. In milder terms, we cannot swallow their assertions without a little pepper and salt.

When we hear of that college, with a six-year course, in which the lower classes are called sen. prep. and jun. prep. we are ready to believe in an eight-year course, including the soph. prep. and the fresh. prep. Next the prep. preps will form a fraternity issue.

In one college our rivals initiate "*Men* who can almost hide behind their sword and shield," making them veritably babes in arms; and, on account of this warlike demonstration, "we are reluctantly forced to pledge preps." ("C. K.," *N. B.*)

The Christmas card in vermillion and Prussian blue on shrimp medium is from the region of Craddock's romances. The familiar "Here are our active members" does not greet me; possibly our friend is too conscientious about their activity. May they "continue the endeavor . . . as the very best chapter of Beta Theta Pi" to escape the notice of our guardian angel, the C.-K., and incidentally imitate their nearest neighbor.

Some curiosities will creep into the circular letters. The Kansas chapter was entertained at a "grub" given by Miss Sue Miles." Wittenberg is responsible for the statement that "five Beta lawyers 'set 'em up' to six Beta ministers, at the meeting of the East Ohio Synod," but refrains from giving the details or ingredients. Hanover says, "We lost only *one* man by graduation last year. Our work among the new men has thus far been successful, and at the end of the year we hope to have *men* to fill the *place* of our *graduates*." The italics, of course, are mine. University of Pennsylvania protests, "If any of our alumni do not receive this semi-annual, they must understand it is their own fault." From personal acquaintance I can testify that Maison is not an Irishman.

I came across the following in the Bellaire (O.) *Special Dispatch*:

Fred Glatzer and Fred Summers, two industrious Bohemians in the employ of the Bellaire Nail Works, had a reunion on Tuesday, at which the families of both men were gathered. The event is marked by the uniqueness of the supper served on the occasion, which consisted of a large roasted bulldog. The animal was a big, hearty fellow, and had been well fed for several months on purpose for the occasion. These people relish this meat as the average person does that of a pig, and it is always used when they desire to have a feast. It is their intention to kill another canine the first of next week, and lay it away so that its meat will sweeten for the Christmas dinner. In a talk with the parties they said that they first tried dog meat in the old country, where it was the favorite dish with not a few.

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the next Cornell commence- orris, '87, is on the junior ora- test at Wisconsin University. rbilt, Harris, '86, represents his commencement, and has been ntestant in the inter-state ora- At University of Mississippi, law '85, carried off first honor. ns Hopkins chapter nearly all men; Bayley has received the o in geology; Campbell, a scholarship in biology; and ie in chemistry; Hough, '86, th, '87, and Miller, '88, have scholarships; and Simon, '88, s scholarship. At Beloit, Olds, he prize for missionary essay; more, '86, Robertson, '86, and , were oratorical contestants : 1st. Densmore is Archæan president of the Archæan Northwestern has the sopho-freshman class presidents.

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Douglas editor-in-chief last year, Lyman, business man- ed and Crawshaw associate The *Madisonensis* corps con- ve men. Crawshaw is also one editors of the college annual.

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I will close with some general statistics. Thirty-three chapters have reported. They have a total membership of 449, divided by classes as follows: '86, 95; '87, 103; '88, 102; '89, 97; '90, 5; law, 12; post-graduate, 15; theological, 8; medical, 2; not classed, 10. By residence the division is, Alabama, 3; California, 15; Colorado, 6; Dakota, 1; Delaware, 1; District of Columbia, 2; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 33; Indiana, 34; Iowa, 21; Kansas, 13; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 1; Maine, 16; Maryland, 14; Massachusetts, 14; Michigan, 6; Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 18; Missouri, 5; Nebraska, 3; New Jersey, 6; New York, 44; Ohio, 52; Pennsylvania, 23; Rhode Island, 7; South Carolina, 3; Tennessee, 20; Texas, 6; Vermont, 1; Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 16; Wyoming Territory, 1; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Sandwich Islands, and Argentine Republic, one each; and 24 members of Denison and Randolph Macon whose addresses are omitted. Michigan, Vanderbilt, and Johns Hopkins, with 20 men each, are the largest chapters, while Dickinson and University of Pennsylvania, with memberships of 6, are smallest.

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FRATERNITY CHATS.

III.

Several weeks passed before our two friends again found themselves at leisure to discuss fraternity topics. The period of cramming for examinations had passed, the dread ordeals themselves had been endured, and the next day each was to start for home for the holidays. On their way up to the college (it was their wont to climb the hill together almost every evening), conversation began to drag a little, when Ed broke in with, "Fred, do you take any stock in moods?"

"Moods? I don't understand your meaning. What has 'moods' to do with Christmas?"

"Why, I read in a leading periodical, last night, an article which set forth, as its central idea, that writers, artists, scientists—indeed, all people—go by fits and starts, so to speak; that they wait for moods, and when the mood is on work hard until the spell is broken and then take a rest until another mood, and so on. Examples were given to illustrate, and I believe there is a great deal in the theory, and that it applies as well to lower lights, and even to plain mortals like you and me, as to great writers, thinkers, artists or scientists."

"I agree with you as to that, if that is what you refer to by the term 'moods.' I think the tenor of our daily conversations depends to a great degree upon our moods. Some days I feel like discussing themes which, at other times, are really odious. But, my dear philosophic friend, what has mood to do with us to-night, I'd like to know?"

"I'm in a mood to continue those fraternity chats we began some weeks ago, and I haven't felt one bit like it since we were talking last. Now, isn't that a good illustration of the theory propounded?"

"Oh, I see you advanced a new theory so as to work in an illustration—ha! ha! But, sail in! Thank heaven, all our 'exams.' are over, and all we have to do is to wait until the train comes to carry us home to turkey and cranberries and mince-pie. Let me begin the chat, however, by asking you what per cent. of fraternity character is based on enthusiasm alone? *i. e.*, to what extent does enthusiasm rule in chapter and convention?"

"Now it's my turn to ask information. What do you mean by enthusiasm? Do you mean that earnestness and zeal that always characterizes those who are leaders in any enterprise? Or do you refer simply to the wild enthusiasm which carries its points regardless of facts and consequences? If you allude to the former, I should say a large percentage; if the latter, a very small. There are lots of zealous Greeks, but very few who let enthusiasm get the advantage of reason and judgment."

"How jealous you are of the good name of Greek! I think there is lots of sheer nonsense and claptrap in these college societies, and that sometimes the Greeks become as wild as the Crusaders were, and that—"

"Oh, pshaw, Fred, stop! What is an example?"

"Well, take the St. Louis convention. Out there some petitions were presented for approval, and the fraternity was about to reject, when one Peter the Hermit got up and made a speech, and, *presto!* an almost unanimous feeling in favor of extension pervaded the convention, and the petition was granted. Now, then, I say that in that case enthusiasm carried the day, where cold facts and sober judgment would have said, 'Send the petition to the chapters.' And, not long ago, I was talking to one of our leading men, and, in the course of conversation, he said that the orator above alluded to took the convention by storm, and with a whoop and a hurrah the motion passed. What do you call that but mere blind enthusiasm?"

"I fear you are disgruntled because our chapter wasn't represented and didn't get a say in the proceedings."

"No, I never object when I might have been present, but, like you, I cite an illustration of my theory that in many respects enthusiasm controls fraternity life. I will allow considerable for natural interest—for sincere desire to do the best possible by any enterprise—and still I claim that oftentimes blind enthusiasm wins over good common sense."

"I don't accept any such theory at all; and you know as well as I do that we

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railroad official, and in a position

to know more about his business than
anyone else. Every one but an Esqui-
mau knows what a railroad pass is, but
few know how to manipulate them, and
we have accepted the generous offer of
one of those few. It is nonsense to talk
about being unjust to a chapter having
only five men. We have no such chap-
ters, nor shall we ever have if my
brother-in-law lives. It will truly be a
pretty state of things when we cannot
compel our chapters to go to conventions
or compel nine-cent men to stay away.
But every year all the chapters are frantic
to go *en masse*, and the only thing that
ever keeps them away is just what keeps
nine-cent men at home. There is one
good thing about this fund: the C.-K.
will have a large backing at Cincinnati.
It's a very small zephyr that doesn't
blow some good.

The chapter-killer is my brother-in-
law. Twenty-eight chapters will attend
him in his triumphal entry a the next
convention. He has their word for it.
Several chapters are to be amputated.
In all probability, chapters having pre-
paratory tendencies are to be inoculated
with virulent poisons, and a few cor-
secs. are to be torn upon the wheel. The
chapter-killer is not malignant. He is
naturally aroused at the indignities cer-
tain chapters and men are allowing the
fraternity to suffer.

F.

seeing the sights, making promiscuous acquaintances, learning the whole catalogue of stepping-stones in the downward path, when, suddenly, the entrance examinations broke in upon his dissipation. During that week he worked and was allowed to matriculate; but after that he divided his time between duty and pleasure; duty, of course, getting the mouse's share. And Talbot, *pater*, fond, foolish father, continued sending him one hundred and seventy-five dollars a month.

That summer the fraternity had granted the petition of a local society at Comersley, and within a month after the opening a new pin appeared on twenty of the best men in college. Tom's first impulse was to make himself known, but he was not as familiar with the methods of affiliation of the different chapters as he would have been had he spent a year in the chapter at Shatover; and when he remembered that he had seen none of those men in his favorite haunts he concluded to let them alone.

In less than a month, however, the boys became aware that the good-looking, good-for-nothing fellow, who was making such a great race for the foot of the freshman class, was a member of their fraternity. Like Tom, they were none too familiar with the wise workings of the order they had lately entered. A long, earnest meeting was held, at which the four freshman members reported that they had never associated with Talbot, nor did they care to have anything to do with such a "bummer." This was a bad state of things, but a plan was finally proposed which met with approval, and Barrett, one of the juniors, was made a committee of one to carry out the programme.

It was a delicate matter. It was not easy for one of the most prominent upper-classmen to cultivate the acquaintance of a conspicuously worthless freshman. Fortunately, Barrett was captain of the football team, and Tom was a strong, athletic young giant; he had all the natural requisites for the game, and when he saw his name on the bulletin among those asked to practice, he felt as large as the average freshman can feel. Where he had simply neglected his studies before, he completely ignored all duties now. But Barrett had scored his first point; for Tom looked up to him and left nothing undone to influence his

selection of the rush-line. The first match of the year gave Tom the name of being the heaviest kicker on the team. Then came the order forbidding football to those behind in their studies. The faculty secretary gave Barrett a list of delinquents ineligible to the team, and the first name was Talbot.

Tom was deep in a novel when Barrett went to his room to show him the list and to begin the committee work.

"I've some bad news, Talbot. Look at that," as he threw the list to Tom. "I have counted on you a good deal for tomorrow's game. I am afraid we can never get along without you. Can't you brace up if I come around here and help you? I have all my freshman notebooks and problems yet, and you can cram them up a little and fix this thing all right in a week or two."

"Well, Barrett," Tom began, "I don't know about that. I am much obliged to you, but I'm so infernally behind I hate to tackle it."

"Nonsense. I 'stand in' with all the 'profs,' and if you can pick up the back work, and get even with your class, I can get you straight easy enough. I have a big room up the street all to myself. I can hardly spare the time to come down here to help you. Suppose you come up and room with me, for a trial."

"Yes, that's all well enough; but I don't think a couple of games are worth it. I appreciate your offer, but you don't half know me. You'd want to kick me out in a week. No, I think I'd better drop football and get to work before review. I've been loafing terribly this month. I'll have to put in some pretty solid licks to keep from getting bounced."

"You can't get along here alone, Talbot. I know you can't. I'll bet you haven't been in the habit of going it alone before you came here, and that is what is the matter with you now. The whole fact of the matter is, we must have you on the team, and if you'll come up with me we'll do that and get you through 'exams,' besides. Come and take a trial trip, anyhow."

"I'll have to think over it. You see, I've this room engaged for this term, and can't give it up. Then, I can't afford to keep two rooms.— Yes, it should cost me a cent.— If I lived in my own room more I could keep out of debt; but I've been running around so much lately that I'm behind in everything.

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wanting friends. Every one wants to shake his hand, until his arm aches. There were celebrations of the victory throughout the town that night, but the hero of it all was not "at home" to callers. With Barrett's help he finished recovering the last bit of his lost ground; and when he went down to college Monday the mathematical professor complimented him publicly on the solution of a problem that defeated the whole class. Barrett had "coached" him on that very problem and Tom said so, only to have the compliment more forcibly reiterated.

The boys "stayed" with him after that, but there was no use trying to get him down to the chapter hall. He invariably replied that he had no right there

yet; and, possibly, he was right in refusing, though not because he was unworthy. Then came examinations, which Tom passed in a manner that gratified even himself, and he went home with Barrett for the holidays.

The boys never could find out all that happened during that vacation, but at the opening of the next term Tom wore a handsome frat. pin which, Barrett said, was ordered by Talbot, *pater*, when he saw Tom's report. But they learned extraneously that Barrett and Harry Talbot had been keeping up an active correspondence for several months past, and they drew their own conclusions.

K. D.

EDITORIAL.

WE HOPE THAT the persons in authority will never again order a number of the magazine to be issued for the month of September. Most of the colleges do not open until nearly the end of that month. Before the colleges open, we can not get matter for the magazine, and, besides, can not complete our subscription list. It follows that the magazine can not be printed before the end of the month. Further, no matter when it is printed, it can not well be delivered to the active members until they return to college. So it happens that for several reasons a September number never can be sent out until almost the 1st of October. Then, to keep numbers from appearing within only a week or so of each other, the October number has to be delayed until almost the 1st of November; and so on. We do not like the apparent delay of which this seems to make the editors guilty. Moreover, we think a September number is necessarily an inferior one. It has to be printed before the corresponding secretaries for the new academic year can write chapter letters, and consequently, the word from the chapters is behind the times. There are still other reasons why a September number must be below the average. The changes are not yet received. Yet why multiply reasons? Every one knows already that the September number is not a fair sample of the magazine. A wise policy requires that the first number for the academic year should be especially interesting; for that number is used more than any other in canvassing for subscribers and also in comparing the merits of various fraternities for the benefit of the wary barbarian. If the first number is to be at least as good as the others, and if all numbers are to be issued at the beginning of the month named in the title pages, the first number must be called the October number, although it may be advisable to issue it a few days before its date. It follows that, if the BETA THETA PI is to remain a monthly magazine, there should be not more than nine numbers in one year.

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CHAPTER LETTERS.

Dickinson.

Yesterday completed the fall term at Dickinson. No more appropriate time could be selected in which to make a retrospective review of this period and consider whether or not our chapter life will stand the test of criticism, and of how much value to ourselves we have made fraternity life. In making and in refusing to make choices we think we have been actuated by proper motives. Of course, it is not likely that every one of the half-hundred chapters of Beta Theta Pi should lay the most stress upon the same special requirement in selecting new men. The paramount consideration with Alpha Sigma is congeniality. Not by any means disregarding other necessary qualifications, we insist upon this one. We will have only men with whom we can both affiliate at college and feel free to take to our homes and to the friends whose opinions we esteem most highly. We

can not recognize as a Beta at college any man whom we would be ashamed to recognize as a Beta away from college. But were we to consider only our own immediate interests in perpetuating the chapter we should be unworthy of our name. A sense of obligation and even gratitude to our alumni, many of whom brought signal honors upon the chapter during their active connection with it, prompts our continued interest. Still further are we urged to diligence—if urging be needed—by loyalty to the general fraternity. Composed so largely of men who have become eminent in life, the value of such an organization is not meanly shown by the infusion of a desire on the part of college men to emulate its most honored members. Take away what may seem to outsiders like boyish boastfulness in our claims of distinguished fellowship, and there is yet a vast amount of good derivable from such incentives to diligence. This advantage is to be em-

IN THE DECEMBER NUMBER one of our chapter correspondents questions "the propriety and expediency of filling so large a space of our magazine with these oft-repeated, high-colored, stereotyped, uninteresting chapter letters." The general query as to the propriety of devoting so much space to chapter letters is a matter to which we shall direct our attention in a very few minutes; but before we attack that subject we wish to protest against the epithets used by our correspondent. He demands too large a vocabulary. It may be that the chapter letters are not exactly what they ought to be; but we protest that they are not appropriately called "oft-repeated, high-colored," and so on. No one has a right to forget the circumstances in which the letters are written. They are written by very young men; and they are written upon a subject that is well suited to excite enthusiasm. It would be strange if letters written in such circumstances were always cool and dignified. In fact, it would be positively to the discredit of our corresponding secretaries if they did not occasionally write matter entirely too enthusiastic to be approved by a severe and uninterested taste. Enthusiasm is one of the strong points of a good worker; and the man whose letters do not now and then breathe an enthusiasm that would surprise and shock a dignified barbarian has little prospect of ever becoming a useful fraternity man. Speaking for ourselves, we can say that we are glad to read all of the chapter letters, and that the most enthusiastic ones please us best. Any one who will reflect a moment will, in the main, agree with us.

AT THE SAME TIME, it is true that the chapter letters should not be published just as they are when they reach our hands. Print is very different from manuscript. Many a correspondent, unaccustomed to writing for the press, would be shocked if his contribution were printed just as he wrote it. Besides, a correspondent often writes matter that can be interesting to no one but the active members of his own chapter, or matter that ought not to be spread before the eyes of rival fraternities, or matter that, for some other reason, ought not to be published in the magazine. It is for these reasons, among others, that editors are appointed. It is undoubtedly the business of editors to put the chapter letters into suitable shape for publication. If our correspondent, in writing against chapter letters, is merely criticising the editors for not doing their work thoroughly, he may be entirely right. The excuse that we offer is that upon all matters of taste there must necessarily be differences of opinion.

THE LIFE OF AN EDITOR is exciting. Here is a chapter correspondent criticising us apparently for not cutting great slices out of chapter letters; while at the same time there are corresponding secretaries who think that we cut out too much. For our own part, we are willing enough to admit that we have made many mistakes, but we do not know in which direction our errors lie. Our intention has always been to change the letters as little as possible. We are perfectly willing that anyone should consider all of the alterations to be changes for the worse. We merely insist that the changes are all made with a proper intention. We edit the chapter letters and every other part of the magazine in accordance with rules that have grown up with the BETA THETA PI and that have been transmitted to us by our predecessors. We have no wish to change the rules in any way. Our only ambition is to administer them without favor and, if possible, without fear.

WE HAVE WANDERED from the consideration of the general question whether the magazine gives too great prominence to chapter letters. We should like to know what our subscribers think upon this subject. In times past when we were not

individual worth, though she has some excellent men. A dude element seems at present to preponderate. As stated in the semi-annual letter, her new delegation, as well as that of Zeta Psi, is made up, to a considerable extent, of younger brothers of alumni. Great haste seems to be shown in the election and initiation of members. This fraternity intends to occupy a rented house next term; and enough members live in Berkeley to ensure the success of this project. On the whole, Chi Phi is the strongest source of opposition which we have, as Delta Kappa Epsilon is the bitterest.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has 15 members: 2 seniors, 6 juniors, 3 sophomores, and 4 freshmen. This fraternity has an exceedingly low intellectual and moral tone. Its good men may be counted on the fingers of a one-armed man; while the name has become a synonym of the dissipated elements of the university. The Dekes furnish the only instance we have here of fraternity preponderance in class-unions. In '87 they possess enough camp-followers to run things, and one of the student papers is controlled by them.

An attempt is being made to revive the chapter of Phi Delta Theta that was formerly here. Two of the students that had been pledged by them at the beginning of this college year are now loyal and worthy members of Omega. There is scarcely room for the new chapter, and it is, doubtless, experiencing difficulty in getting a firm footing.

There is, practically, no harmony among the four fraternities and little chance that there ever will be. No anti-fraternity element exists, either in the faculty or among the students; although our new President, E. S. Holden, and most of the faculty, are not fraternity men.

Fraternity life here is limited considerably by the fact that the students are distributed through Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco; the latter cities being within one hour's ride of the college. Consequently, we do not see much of one another outside of recitation hours. Our semi-monthly meetings are well attended, however, and Greek spirit is strong amongst us. A new plan of exercises for the meetings has lately been adopted, and from it we expect good results in the direction of Betaism and Omegaism. Correspondence on the question of the methods of passing time at regular meetings is solicited.

We shall begin the second term with 15 members, comprising 1 post-graduate, 2 seniors, 3 juniors, 7 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. The last item we hope to make larger before the end of the year. Slowness in taking new members is one of the factors in our reputation here. Preps are not initiated by any fraternity. The university has no preparatory department, and there is no considerable preparatory institution in the town. "Rushing" is and promises to be lively in one or two cases every year. We don't pledge men before entering, because we don't have any opportunity to do so. Freshmen come from all parts of the state and are, practically, unknown and inaccessible until the opening of the new term.

Some will, doubtless, think that they detect in some of the statements herein-made evidence that a certain "bitterness" hinted at is reciprocated. While admitting the impossibility of writing on matters of this kind without bias, we are yet confident of our ability to substantiate everything that has been said.

Finlay Cook, Cor. Sec.
December 14, 1885.

University of Mississippi.

It is difficult to write a chapter letter after the account of the opening has been rendered and before the first term examinations are passed; as there is nothing but routine work, unless we tell of the minor occurrences which interest only the participants. We confidently count on the first honor in the senior class this year, and think there is a fair prospect for us to have the honors of the law, sophomore, and freshmen classes; and as we have a number of the same men who have been capturing the medals for two or three years, the outlook is fair in that line also. So, with T. D. Marshall, '82, for "annual orator," Hillrie M. Quin, "Hermaean anniversary," and G. T. Fitzhugh, valedictorian in '86, we think Beta Beta may claim recognition as the leading chapter here.

Brother Marshall is practicing law at Edwards, Miss., but recently engaged in the cause of temperance, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and while on his lecturing tour visited Oxford, and once more held bound an audience, many of whom had on former occasions been entranced by the delightful figures and convincing arguments. A. W. Hooker

spent a few days with us recently. He was returning home from the business college in Cleveland, O., to which he went from here.

The question of having another banquet at commencement, such as the one we had in '84, is being discussed by us.

One change has been made in our faculty since last session. Professor Latham, from the University of West Virginia, occupies the chair of chemistry made vacant by Dr. R. W. Jones accepting the presidency of the State Industrial College for Females, at Columbus, Miss.

Richard P. Moore.

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Randolph Macon.

Randolph Macon College was founded under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1832, in Boynton, Mecklenburg County, Va., but after the war it was transferred to Ashland, Hanover County, Va., about sixteen miles from Richmond. Ashland is noted for its healthiness, being located on a plateau which is on a level with the apex of the highest spire in Richmond.

The grounds of the college comprise about eight acres, containing the recitation rooms, the halls of the literary societies, the library, the chapel, a number of cottages in which the students reside, and five professors' houses. The library contains 10,000 volumes. The value of the grounds and buildings is estimated at \$75,000. The college has lately obtained an endowment fund of \$100,000. Randolph Macon is now in a flourishing condition; having 125 students already registered, a larger number than for several years. The students are not arranged in the four usual collegiate classes; but are classified, according to the university system, in each branch according to their advancement. The cost of tuition is \$75 per year, not including matriculation and other fees.

The faculty of Randolph Macon comprises six professors of noted ability; and, in addition, there are two instructors. Special attention is given to the study of English, the course in which is not surpassed for its thoroughness and completeness.

Besides the Betas, there are four fraternities here: the Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Sigma Chi, and Phi Kappa Sigma, all of which are, numerically, al-

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her purpose. Everything here is extremely thorough, and the secular study is exacting. Beloit is a conservative college. While the new ideas concerning education have penetrated nearly every institution in the country, she has made but few changes in her curriculum, and during an excellent address by President Angell, of Ann Arbor, he took occasion to praise Beloit for that very thing.

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The college is manned by a exceptionally able faculty. President Chapin has guided the institution from birth until the present time, and in the whole United States he is the college president in longest continuous period. He has made a specialty of political economy and history, and it would be very difficult to find a teacher who could give to such branches a greater credit. Being a free trader, he is, necessarily, involved in much argument with students who enter with inclinations toward protection. He served as one of the commissioners on the mission which was sent to Turkey years ago to investigate certain relations between the native churches and the American missionaries. He is prominently identified with church and missionary work, and his opinions on political economy are highly valued. Professor Emerson, who holds the chair of Greek, is a remarkably genial old man, and his classes will ever remember him not only for the thoroughness of his work, but also for the apparent joy he takes in a joke; and if the boys come one back on him they must be exceedingly quick-witted. He holds one of the foremost places among Greek scholars in America, and had offers from several prominent colleges, but has firmly declined by Beloit through all her trials and successes.

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sident Garfield once said that if Hopkins was on one end of a

bench and he on the other it would be a thoroughly equipped college for him. There is much truth in that saying. Surroundings do add largely to an institution, but the teachers are of more importance than all. At Beloit the students come into daily and personal contact with such men as I have faintly described, and it is due to that one fact more than to any other that her alumni are such men as they are.

There are two literary societies—the Alethian and the Delian, and together they form the Archæan Union. .

Three secret societies have chapters, namely, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, and Phi Kappa Psi. Our own fraternity is the largest, having a membership of sixteen. The fraternity spirit among the students has made rapid advance within a few years, and the number of desirable men who oppose secret societies is smaller each year. Also, the faculty have become more generous, and, while not exactly countenancing such organizations, yet show them all due courtesy. The fraternities are on good terms with one another, and are not so exclusive as in other colleges. It was one of the conditions on which all the societies received permission to run openly that preparatory students should not be admitted as members, and, so far as I know, this rule has been regarded. At Beloit the process of “rushing” and “pledging” is a matter of more importance than at some of the larger institutions. I have known men to be worked hard for a year, and at the end of that time the contest was so close that the result could not have been surmised. The fraternities have to do too much work in this line, and it breeds a continual anxiety on the part of fraternity men. Of course, all the fraternities do, to a certain extent, meddle in college politics, but there is less of it than would be expected. Notwithstanding our large number, we aim to act entirely as individuals in all matters which affect the students as a whole, and only combine when it is necessary to defeat the scheme of a rival fraternity.

Beloit does not admit women. The sentiment of the faculty and of the students is against co-education; and, besides that, the friendly feeling toward Rockford Seminary prevents establishing any rival.

I cannot close this account without making a reference to the students.

Every man in the college conducts himself like a gentleman, and all low forms of recreation are excluded. Another point which can fairly be made is, that the students come here for work, and make that their prime object. Beloit College will never be known from its endowment funds; will never be known because of artistic buildings; will not stand on a level with other colleges in the amount of apparatus. In these directions it has comparatively little to boast of; but in a fair and candid spirit it may be said that few, if any, colleges in our country require such thorough work of their students. When they enter they pass under an imaginary arch, over which is written "Work," and when they stand in presence of the audience on their graduation day there is before the gaze of all who come to hear them the motto which indicates what has been secured during the course of study: "*Scientia vera cum fide pura.*"

James R. Robertson, Pres. of Chi.
December 7, 1885.

Indiana University.

This institution of learning was founded in 1839. It was a reorganization of what was then known as the Indiana College. Rev. Andrew Wylie, D.D., was its first president, and he held the position until his death in 1850. From a very small college, with a faculty of only four, it has grown steadily with the state to which it belongs. At first only men were admitted; but in 1867 the doors were thrown open to women. Since that time it has carried out successfully the theory of the co-education of the sexes. There are now eleven departments of college study, and fifteen professors and three assistant professors in college work. It is the aim of the university to give the most thorough training possible in the subjects—literary, scientific, and philosophical.

Probably no similar institution has passed through more trying ordeals than has this one. Involved in an expensive lawsuit from 1845 to 1850, which almost produced bankruptcy, it has since passed through two destructive fires, which have, in both cases, consumed the principal building, the library, and much useful apparatus. It is to the hearty support of its many friends that it owes its present existence. From each of these ordeals the

old college has come forth better equipped than ever.

The Indiana University is not a denominational school. It is the property of the state of Indiana. It has an annual income of \$40,000 at present, which is constantly increasing. Many appropriations have been received from the state legislature and from Monroe county. The appropriations during the last two years have amounted to \$93,000.

At present four buildings, with a campus of thirty acres, are occupied. Since the fire of '83 the site of the college has been changed. The three buildings lately constructed are situated in a large, natural grove, east of the city. This grove, when improved, will be a most beautiful and attractive place. The buildings are all lighted with gas, and two of them are heated with steam. The library is entirely new. Since the destruction of the old one, consisting of over 15,000 volumes, 3,500 volumes and 4,000 unbound pamphlets have been collected.

Tuition is free. Two hundred and fifty students are now in attendance—seniors, 20; juniors, 25; sophomores, 45; freshmen, 85; preps, 75. There are three regular courses of study, viz.: ancient classics, modern classics, and scientific. At present about one-fourth of the students are pursuing the course in ancient classics; one-half, modern classics; one-fourth, science.

The following fraternities are represented: Beta Theta Pi, founded in 1845; Phi Delta Theta, in 1849; Sigma Chi, in 1858; Phi Kappa Psi, in 1869; and Phi Gamma Delta, in 1871. A chapter of the Delta Tau Delta was established in 1870; but after an existence of four years it surrendered its charter. The ladies' fraternities are the Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Kappa Alpha Theta. All are in a very healthy condition. Fraternity spirit is strong, and a vast amount of "rushing" is indulged in. The supply of new students has always been just a little less than the demands of the different fraternities. A prep is seldom pledged; but he is initiated as soon as possible. Two fraternities have been known to initiate first-year preps before they had entered their prospective prep class. Combinations are in order at any election whatever, and a year seldom passes without a strong factional fight. The average chapter is about seventeen men. Beta Theta Pi has now the smallest chapter, and Phi Kappa Psi the largest. No chapter houses

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Frank M. Walters, Cor Sec.
per 10, 1885.

Vanderbilt.

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Harris, Calhoun, Robertson, Allison, Barbee, Davis, Branham, Guild, Smith, Learned, Hume. Brother C. L. Thornburg was unanimously re-elected president, but for various reasons thought that his connection with the chapter as an active member should cease. We accepted his resignation with no little regret, feeling that we had sustained an irreparable loss. Pusey was then elected president, Calhoun treasurer, and Barbee cor. sec. The last-named has been compelled to leave the university on account of weak eyes.

Brother R. F. Hibbitt has just returned to his home in Louisville, Ky., after spending a most delightful week with his friends at Vanderbilt. Brother J. J. G. Ruhm, now attending the Cumberland University Law School, visits us occasionally. Brother Hoss was present at our first meeting and gave us a talk full of feeling and encouragement. Though he has been out of college for fifteen years, he has lost none of his youthful enthusiasm. Brother Safford, a silver grey, and among the first to plant the standard of Wooglin, honored us with his presence at our first initiation. He said that he felt his interest in the cause re-awakened and strengthened, which in turn inspired us with new zeal. Brothers Jungerman, Beale, Hall, and Thornburg seldom fail to be on hand when the *Apoy* barks. Brother Hall's *Apoy* speeches are a source of much merriment to us, who have stood the test, but they produce a slightly different impression on the quaking candidate.

The Vanderbilt students have never yet issued an annual. This they now intend doing, and it is confidently expected to be a very creditable publication. Each fraternity furnishes two editors. Ours are Joe B. Ellis and J. P. Smith.

To-day services will be held in the chapel in memory of Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, who has always been our liberal patron and munificent benefactor. Chancellor L. C. Garland will deliver the memorial address. The buildings are now in mourning, and all university exercises have been suspended.

Nothing affords us more pleasure than to report ourselves on friendly terms with our rivals. We have never heard of a case in which fraternity squabbles have benefited either party. The sole outcome of all such is to lower all fraternities in the estimation of the faculty, non-fraternity men, and the world in general.

Before closing this letter we must refer to an article in the November BETA THETA PI, entitled "What the Circular Letters Should Contain." The greater part of this article meets with our hearty approval, but we beg leave to differ with the "Ex-Cor. Sec." when he expresses himself thus: "Our Beta grandfather breaks the seal and shrinks from the blue caricature of the noble dog on a pink ground, and his son remembers the days when there were college men not given to such puerile fancies." Our humble opinion is that these circular letters are pre-eminently for the benefit of the chapter's alumni, and that each individual chapter is the best judge of the kind of report that will be most pleasing to its own alumni. If the picture of the noble dog causes puerile fancies, then let Theta, Omicron, Alpha Lambda, Xi, and other chapters discard their coat of arms, or else be considered puerile. Beta Lambda hopes that none of her sons may ever grow too old to look with pride and pleasure on the pink and blue; that the canine howl may never cease to re-echo in their souls as it was wont to do in her chapter hall; that in the after years the image of the dog may still linger with them to awaken those memories; puerile, perhaps, yet sacred to the heart of every loyal Beta.

Alfred Hume, Cor. Sec.
December 11, 1885.

Union.

Since the appearance of our last letter we have held one initiation, and now we can give you the names of our new brothers: Edward B. Colburn, '88, of Troy; Arthur M. Harder, '89, of Lansingburg; Norman D. Fish, '89, and Robert H. Washburne, '89, both of Ballston, Pa. The initiation was held on the night of October 15th. All circumstances conspired to render the occasion a most pleasant one. In addition to the active members of our chapter and the candidates for initiation, there were with us the following of our alumni: Dougherty, '80, Henning, '81, Hinde, '82, Crane, '85, and Van Vranken, '85; also from Madison, Doolittle, '83, and Van Kirk, '84; and from Wooster, Estep; from Bethany, Witmer; and from Amherst, Caldwell. After the conclusion of the customary exercises, and when we had spent an hour in singing from the heart our frater-

nity songs, we sat down to our *copy*. No effort had been spared by us to make this part of the programme especially enjoyable, and, judging from what we saw and heard, we have reason to believe our efforts were not in vain. Finally, after we had formed the mystic circle, we bade one another good-night, without a thought of sadness to mar our happiness.

The first term of the college year has nearly drawn to a close. Although Union has not the number of students she had in more prosperous days, the work that she does is earnest, thorough, and practical, and in every respect worthy of the confidence and support of every one of her many sons. A committee of the faculty has been appointed for the purpose of revising the curriculum. It is proposed to make more of the work of the junior and senior years elective, and also to increase the requirements for admission. The work in the English department has already been considerably modified and increased, and it is probable that still more changes will be made.

Philip H. Cole, Cor. Ed.
November 25, 1885.

Cumberland.

Since last heard from we have initiated three valuable men, all of them in the literary department—Stone and Williams, of '87, and Waller, of '89.

As we have never given an account of the university to the BETA THETA PI, we deem it proper to do so now. Cumberland University was founded in 1842, by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and has always been under the control of that denomination. The departments are the preparatory, academic, engineering, law, and theological. Of these, though all are excellent, the law department has achieved, perhaps, the most enviable reputation, having been considered, almost since the day of foundation, the best in the South. The buildings are, in general, inferior, as are also the grounds. The library is of value. The total value of buildings, library, and grounds does not exceed \$75,000. The productive endowment amounts to \$75,000.

The faculty consists of fourteen very efficient instructors, almost all of whom have been offered large inducements to take chairs in other institutions of learning. There are no women in the university. The total number of students in

ince at present is 239. Nearly all e belong to one of the three literary as; The Amasagassean, founded at rland College in 1837; the Philo-in, founded in 1854; and Heurethe-bounded also in 1854. All of the named societies are meritorious. ve commodious and well furnished and hold meetings every Saturday g. The Heurethelian Society pub-monthly the only paper published college, called the *Student*.

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Hallett Harding, Cor. Sec.
ber 7, 1885.

Kenyon.

er term opened here on the 6th of esent month. We are sorry to that one of our members, E. T. of '89, will not return to college. santer piece of news is the pledging A. Loomis, of Tiffin, Ohio. Your ondent spent the holidays in ing, W. Va., with brother A. C. cer, Kenyon, '88. He met several nd loyal Betas, among them being hn Dickey, J. R. Green, Jr., and t Cummins. The last named gave ung people a delightful hop on ear's eve, and more than one Beta esent. Whitaker and myself also he pleasure of meeting brother an old Beta Kappa man, we . He still wears the badge and is nt of the Wheeling alumni chapter. ehow or other, fraternities at Ken-is year, are not as prosperous as ly. Delta Kappa Epsilon, once a nd flourishing chapter, is reduced men, with a prospect of losing them. Theta Delta Chi has three Alpha Delta Phi, and Psi Upsilon ongest in point of numbers, each about ten men. There is not

much doing among them, either, but the prospects for a larger freshman class next year seem to be good and we can hope for livelier times.

The college itself has cause to be thankful in many ways. A great improvement has been manifest in the management of affairs this year; and the institution came into possession, on New Year's day, of about \$12,000, which has been in litigation for a number of years. Hubbard Hall is almost entirely finished. It is a creditable piece of work and will make us a handsome and commodious library building. The work of transferring the books from their present quarters will not be attempted until the summer vacation. We have a large and valuable library here and a good museum. While there is no avowal of a higher standard, more work is being done in the classes year by year. If some kind friend of the college would leave it enough money to endow a scientific department equal to the classical, Kenyon could hold her own with any college in the country.

A glee club is the latest thing here. It has not been fully organized as yet, its present composition being one from each of the following fraternities: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Omicron, and Beta Theta Pi. A new set of rules for the government of students has been issued. The most noticeable new rule is one requiring all candidates for honors to have an attendance and deportment grade of 90 or over. The salutatory has been done away with.

No one enjoys the BETA THETA PI more than we do, but we think it could be made even more interesting and profitable if good literary matter on any subject were to be accepted from Betas. There are, doubtless, many of our alumni who could write us pleasing verses or instructive essays on almost any subject. It is said sometimes that Beta Theta Pi is deficient in literary ability. I do not believe it and should like to see some of our brothers refute the assertion through the columns of our magazine.

Geo. Clarke Cox, Cor. Sec.
January 12, 1886.

Westminster.

In October, 1851, the Presbyterian Synod of Missouri adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The interests of religion and the wants of the church imperiously demand that

there should be established within our bounds a literary institution of high order, to be in the interest of the Presbyterian church, subject to its control, and favored with its patronage and supervision, and whereas the indications of Providence suggest that the time has come to set about the work; therefore,

Resolved, First, that we rise and build. Second, that a committee be appointed and empowered to select site, and report to next meeting of Synod.

Accordingly, in October, 1852, Fulton was selected as the site; and on February 23rd, 1853, Westminster College was chartered. On the 4th of July, 1854, the corner-stone of the building was laid. The orator of the day was Rev. Nathan L. Rice, D.D., afterwards president of the college. Dr. S. S. Laws, now president of the University of Missouri, was Westminster's first president; assuming charge in 1855. The first diploma was issued in June, 1855, conferring the degree of bachelor of arts. In June, 1856, was held the first public exhibition of the literary societies.

The organization of the college into six schools was completed in 1858; and this arrangement has been followed ever since. The schools are: mental and moral philosophy, Greek language and literature, Latin language and literature, mathematics, physical science, English language and literature. Besides these there is now a regular preparatory department.

From the first, the patronage was good. The permanent endowment began to accumulate rapidly, and it would have been far larger had it not been for the war. When the country was excited a denominational college—only eight years old, too—might have been expected to suspend or to close forever. Yet, Westminster never closed her doors. In the fall of 1864 Rev. John Montgomery, D.D., was elected president. He was succeeded by Rev. Nathan L. Rice, D.D., who resigned his pastorate of the Fifth-avenue Church, New York City, and assumed control in 1868, but was not formally inaugurated until September, 1869. This eminent man, whose name is familiar to all who know anything of the history of Presbyterianism, remained president until 1874. Some time afterwards there was elevated to the presidency of the college her gifted son, Rev. Charles C. Hersman, D.D., who for years had filled, with such marked ability, the chair of Greek. Dr.

Hersman is still president and professor of Greek. Though he has had numerous calls to other and larger institutions, he remains the true and faithful servant of his *alma mater*. He occupies a position in the front rank of educators in this country; and, as a "Greek", perhaps, has no superior, if he has an equal, in the United States. He was the first man selected from the large body of Presbyterians in the United States to be a member of the Committee of Revision of the New Testament.

The faculty now stands as follows: Rev. Charles C. Hersman, D.D., president and professor of Greek language and literature; Rev. J. G. Reaser, D.D., (Jefferson College, Pa.,) professor of metaphysics and sacred literature; Edgar H. Marquess, A.M., (Hampden Sidney) professor of Latin language and literature; Jno. N. Lyle, A.M., Ph.D., (Marietta College, O.,) Charles professor of physical science; Jno. H. Scott, A.M., professor of mathematics; Jno. J. Rice, A.M., (University of New York) professor of English language and literature; Rev. Thos. Gallaher, D.D., principal of preparatory department. Besides Dr. Hersman, Dr. Gallaher and Prof. Scott are alumni of this college. In reference to the last, an incident that occurred some time since may serve to illustrate his ability. When Rice and Johnson's "Calculus" was issued a sample copy was sent Professor Scott, with a request to examine. He did so, and found a problem which could not be worked by any process given in the book. He worked it, however, and wrote to Prof. Johnson, telling him of it and asking for an explanation. Professor Johnson replied, after some time, saying he was much obliged for the correction, for the problem could not be worked by any method in the book, and, furthermore, he could not do it at all, and would be gratified to have Prof. Scott's demonstration. This was sent, of course, and a friendship sprang up between the professors which still continues. The work is a text-book in our college now.

Westminster has seen many dark days and had many obstacles to overcome, but success has crowned her in every emergency; and, while she has grown slowly, perhaps she has grown substantially. The endowment is only about \$140,000, but the union between the two branches of this church in this State will

to \$200,000, or over. The building occupied, and the grounds connected with it, are valued at about \$1,000,000; the location being the finest in the city. The grounds comprise 100 acres of land, beautifully grassed and wooded. The building is on the north part of the ground, surrounded by a beautiful campus overlooking the city.

The institution is controlled by a board of trustees, twelve of whom are elected by the northern and twelve by the southern synod of the Presbyterian church in this state. The trustees are divided into six classes of four each, so that four retire each year, the term of office being six years.

Although the college has never made much display, it has always ranked among the first as to thoroughness. As early as 1856 a distinguished scholar said of her work: "The scholarship of the students surprised me much: no more class would do credit to a superior class of most institutions in the state. After all, the value of an institution must be judged by the material it sends forth. We do not believe it is peculiar to say we are willing to have our college measured by this standard. It is felt and expressed by Dr. Rice, when he became president, that the standard of scholarship was *too high* for the settled condition of affairs; but it has ever been lowered in the least, and our graduates have taken their rank among the first scholars in all the colleges and seminaries, even in the South, where are gathered graduates from the eastern institutions. Prominent among them are: Rev. C. C. Hershey, D. D., president of Westminster College; Rev. J. A. Quarles, D. D., president of E. A. Female Seminary; Rev. J. McAfee, president Park College; Rev. C. Evans, vice-president Synodical College; Professor J. C. Johnson, professor of Latin at the University of Missouri; Dr. J. F. Hanna, professor in the medical department of the University of Missouri; Professor J. Foster, principal of Foster's Seminary, St. Louis; Professor N. Tate, one of the leading educators of deaf-mutes; Professor J. R. Dobyns, superintendent of the Missouri Institute for Deaf and Dumb; Gen. Jno. A. Hockady, attorney; Hon. D. H. McIntyre, attorney; Hon. W. H. Wallace, of Kan-

sas City; Dr. Chas. H. Wallace, assistant superintendent Missouri Insane Asylum. I have not space to mention more.

But I am aware that many an institution which has a brilliant past can show nothing of a future. Our future will, no doubt, resemble our past. No tremendous advance can be predicted for us, for in this State colleges are so plentiful that the days of startling progress are over. But our college is maintained and controlled by the Presbyterian churches, which are powerful; and this is their only institution for young men. Before next year they expect to endow two additional chairs, and to complete arrangements for the erection of needed buildings.

W. R. Dobyns, Cor. Sec.

December 18, 1885.

Rutgers.

The beginning of this year found eight freshmen ready to put on the armor of Wooglin and to proceed to capture the wary barbarian. Our labors have been rewarded by the initiation of Samuel Dodds, '88, Anna, Ill., G. B. Thompson, '89, Freehold, N. J., and A. B. Harrison, '89, Newark, N. J. We also have our eye on two or three more who will probably become Betas soon. The freshman class is one of the largest and best that has ever entered here; but was soon thinned in ranks by some of the fraternities in their eagerness to get men. We preferred to hold off and examine the men thoroughly, and are not sorry now we did so, as the initiates of some of the fraternities are not congenial, to judge by appearances. There has been considerable strife between the different chapters here, and the war still continues between some; but our relations with the other fraternities are still friendly.

We had a very pleasant time at our banquet in June. We had about thirty of our alumni present, besides representatives from Madison and Cornell.

We have two or three men for next year, and some still further on in the future, and, with the aid of our alumni, we mean to prevent Beta Gamma's being reduced in numbers again soon.

We lost four men by graduation in June. Barnes is engaged on the geological survey in New Brunswick, N. J. Ruf leaves soon for Atlanta, Ga., on Y. M. C. A. business. Harrison is studying

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Need I name the place?
'Tis where all Herods go
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ED. L. SHANNON is teaching school north of Lewisburg, O. He will return to next year.

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FRATERNITY NOTES.

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Kappa Sigma Quarterly is the addition to the fraternity press.

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Delta Upsilon has new chapters at Columbia, University of Wisconsin, Lafayette, and Lehigh.

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Delta Kappa Epsilon has entered the University of Alabama. The new chapter has twenty members. There are also chapters of Sigma Nu, southern Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Delta Theta.

The college department of a Cincinnati daily originated a report that Delta Tau Delta had withdrawn the charter of her Kenyon chapter. The item has been published in several fraternity journals, to whom we wish to say that Delta Tau Delta has *not* taken any such action nor has she any intention of so doing.—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

The Board of Visitors, at their recent meeting in June, promulgated orders to the effect that hereafter all new cadets would be required, upon matriculation, to pledge themselves not to join any secret society, within or without the Institute, during the period of their cadet ship.—The Virginia Military Institute correspondent in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Phi Delta Theta glories in the possession of the only lady who was ever initiated into a male Greek-letter fraternity. The lady in question is Miss Kate Carothers, A. B., who graduated in 1874 at the Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, Tenn., and also from the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Carothers was elected in recognition of valuable services rendered in re-establishing the Mississippi Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, at the University of Mississippi, in 1881.—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

A new fraternity for ladies has been established at DePauw, Alpha Chi Omega. Mr. Jas. G. Campbell is the founder. The fraternity was organized expressly for the music students; no one can become a member unless she is in some manner connected with the school of music. They start out with fifteen members, and are making quite a successful *debut*. The badge is very handsome, made in the shape of a lyre, and beautifully set with pearls and diamonds.—*DePauw Monthly*.

The faculty of Purdue University has voted to allow juniors and seniors to become fraternity men. Sigma Chi, the only fraternity there, has a chapter of three juniors and three seniors. Delta Tau Delta recently received a petition from some of the best men in the university, but refused it because of the low standing of the institution.—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

Three fraternities are represented at the North Georgia Agricultural College by chapters. Sigma Alpha, Epsilon, 1879, Sigma Nu, 1881, Kappa Sigma, 1882. Each organized with eight charter members. Sigma Nu was formed from members of a local club, who had petitioned another fraternity, but not Beta Theta Pi, as stated by Mr. Baird.—*The Delta of Sigma Nu*.

Psi Upsilon has intended to issue a supplement to its catalogue of 1879, or a simple list with a few notes, and a residence directory for pocket use, to fill up the long interval between two great catalogues, but we learn that at its recent convention it decided to abandon these plans, and ordered a new, elaborate edition to be prepared by January 1st, 1887.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

At the University of Georgia the fraternities have lately bound themselves not to enter into any combinations for political purposes during the present college year. A similar arrangement was agreed upon last year; and its renewal would seem to establish the feasibility of doing away with one of the strongly urged objections to the fraternity system.—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

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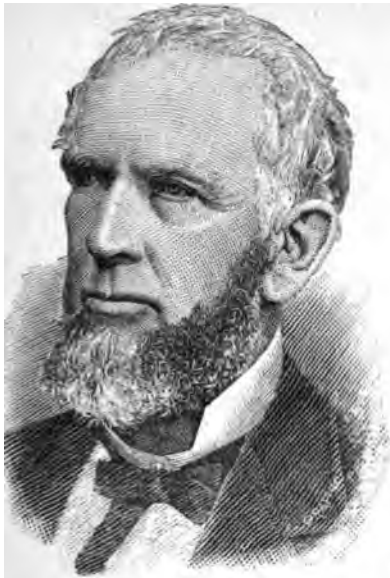
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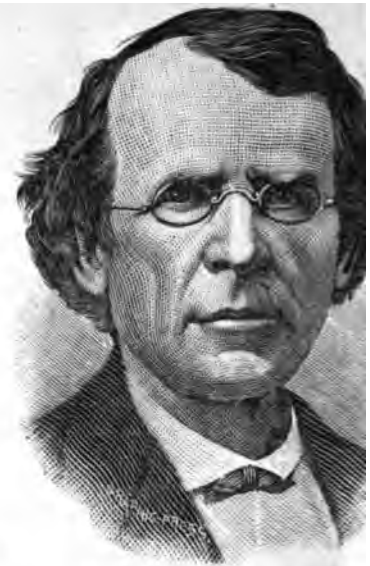
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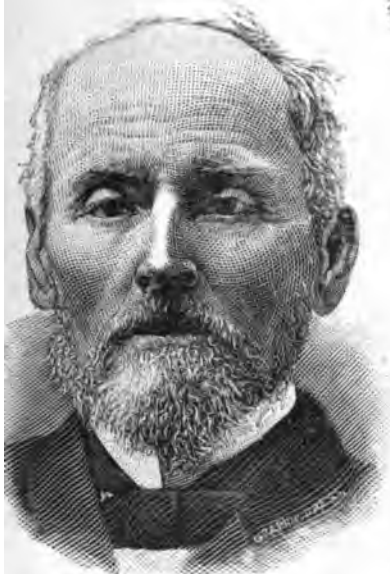
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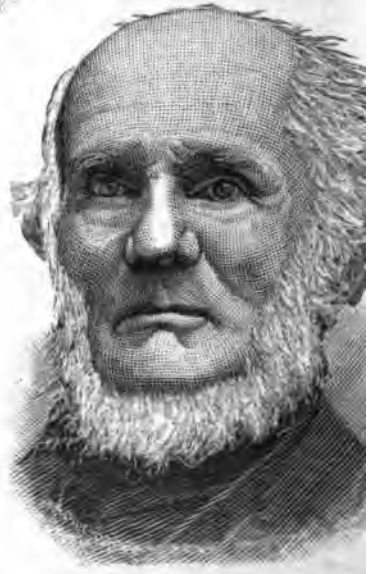
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CONVENTION OF 1881.

The forty-second annual convention was held in Chicago on August 30th and 31st and September 1st, 1881. The Grand Pacific Hotel was the headquarters. About two hundred and twenty-five members were present. The business meetings were held in the Appellate Court room, a large and well-appointed apartment in one of the wings of the hotel. Thirty-four college chapters were represented, namely: Beloit, Bethany, Boston, Brown, California, Centre, Cornell, Denison, DePauw, Hampden Sidney, Hanover, Harvard, Indiana, Iowa, Johns Hopkins, Kansas, Kenyon, Madison, Michigan, Northwestern, Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Pennsylvania, Richmond, St. Lawrence, Stevens, Virginia, Wabash, Washington and Jefferson, Western Reserve, Westminster, Wisconsin, Wittenberg, Wooster. The only college chapters not represented were Cumberland, Dickinson, Iowa Wesleyan, Maine State, Mississippi, Randolph Macon, Rutgers, Trinity University, and Union. Delegates were present from seven alumni chapters, namely: Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Richmond (Va.), and New York.

Hon. Mark L. DeMotte was temporary chairman and W. B. Cady was temporary

secretary. The permanent officers were Chief Justice Alonzo P. Carpenter, of New Hampshire, president; E. H. Terrell, Guy C. Earl, Willoughby N. Smith, D. E. Osborne, A. P. Hoyt, Harry F. Ehrman, and C. D. Williams, vice-presidents; W. R. Baird, secretary; W. B. Cady, J. C. Hanna, and E. H. Ernst, assistant secretaries. O. R. Brouse was chairman of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence. E. H. Terrell was chairman of the committee on chapters and charters.

The report of the general secretary, Rev. E. J. Brown, was an able and comprehensive document, a fit conclusion to that conscientious officer's three years of laborious service. It gave a sketch of the fraternity's history for the academic year just ended and an account of the condition and prospects of the several chapters, with a statistical table, which showed that during 1880-81 there had been 256 initiates and a total active membership of 601. A feature of the table was the classifying of each chapter's prospects as "very good," "good," and "fair." The report laid before the convention the petition from Columbia, suggested that legislation be had regarding alumni chapters, and presented a code of laws establishing a general secretary's roll of new members. The report gave, at considerable length, the reasons why three petitions had been sent directly to the chapters, and said that in the future "all petitions for charters should be retained for the consideration of the convention, unless the circumstances of the petition themselves make it plainly exceptional."

The board of directors, by W. F. Boyd, its secretary, presented a report that gave particular prominence to the work done, partly by order of the convention of 1880 and partly of the board's own motion, in investigating the condition of several chapters. Three chapters had been requested by the board, after careful investigation by a special commissioner, to resign their charters, and had done so. This action of the board was unanimously approved by the convention. The report laid before the convention some papers regarding the condition and prospects of Trinity University. One of these papers was a report from the special commissioner appointed by the board to visit that chapter. On account of an emphatic protest from the chapter's alumni the board had decided not to suspend the charter. The papers were laid before the

convention without recommendation. The convention withdrew the charter of the Trinity University chapter. Ohio University and Westminster chapters and Chicago alumni were the only chapters that voted in the negative.

This convention granted formal charters, as required by the constitution, to the chapters that had been established since the last convention. The only new chapter chartered was Columbia. There was a petition from the University of Nebraska which, on account of a defect in the papers, could not be put to a vote. The defect was that the sentiment of the three neighboring chapters had not been formally obtained. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the petition for a charter at the University of Nebraska, which this convention has not been able to act upon by reason of imperfection of the papers, shall, when put in constitutional shape for action through the general secretary, be immediately put to a vote of the chapters by the board of directors." No one called attention to the fact that this resolution was so worded as to take from the general secretary and the board the constitutional right and duty of determining, after thorough investigation, whether the circumstances of the case are so extraordinary as to warrant the adoption of the short way of treating petitions. The resolution was adopted in order to gratify the petitioners, who had long been waiting patiently, and who were likely to complain of a delay for which they were in no way responsible. Edwin H. Terrell wrote the resolution, and wrote it very hastily. In the carefully-prepared report of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence, written and presented by him as chairman of the committee, occurs the following passage, which had already been adopted by the convention: "As the petition is not recommended by the two of the three nearest chapters to the site of the University of Nebraska, we refer the petition back to the convention as not ready to be acted upon. We recommend that the petition be retained by the general secretary until the proper recommendations have been secured, when it may again be submitted to the fraternity." This latter wording is more careful, and is not open to any constitutional objection. The only objection to it was that it did not contain any suggestion that the petition might be sent

the short way. So far as the foundation went, the petitioners encouraged to hope that their would be acted upon before the convention. When this fact was Terrell hastily wrote the resolution above. It is unfortunate that it copy the words of the recommendation which, as chairman of the convention on chapters and charters, made regarding another petition, "That it be referred to the board of directors and general secretary for investigation, to be submitted by a vote of the chapters as soon as under the emergency clause, if deemed advisable." This last is accurate piece of wording. Yet the and inaccurate wording of the drawn resolution has served as the basis for subsequent recommendations; consequently one of the most careful fraternity jurists has become largely responsible for a blunder that and by, cause serious disagreement to the right of a convention to powers that by the constitution are given to the other branches of the institution.

At the Chicago convention the resolution acts other than the constitution had been called by-laws. The convention had changed this name to laws, largely for the reason that by-laws is more appropriately given to the resolutions of a chapter. The convention had no material changes in the laws existing, but made several modifications. It adopted the general secretary's suggestion regarding a roll of members. The difficulty of preparing a catalogue of 1881 had suggested the difficulty of keeping a roll upon which be entered the name of each new member. The legislation adopted at this convention on this subject has been very sound and has not been altered.

Three sections were adopted with reference to alumni chapters, being the first action on that subject since the adoption of the present constitution. These sections have since been changed in some points, but they are still, in most important matters, the basis of the law on alumni chapters.

The first law upon dispensations was adopted. As it is still in force, it is important to know what were the reasons for its passage. It is sometimes assumed that the law as to dispensa-

tions gives to a chapter, with permission of the board, the power to initiate men who, in the absence of this law, would not be eligible. That is an error. So far as the constitution goes, any chapter may elect and initiate a student of any college whatever, and, provided the candidate be a student of some college, it is not necessary that he be a student of the college where the chapter is situated. The right to initiate students of other colleges had seldom or never been exercised by any chapter, but there were reports that the right had been exercised, and, therefore, the convention, wishing to place some restriction upon such initiations, passed the law forbidding a chapter to "elect or initiate any person not a student in some department of the institution in which the chapter is located," except "that in cases of obvious expediency the board of directors may grant a dispensation allowing the initiation of students in other institutions."

The convention placed on record and recommended to the chapters the official seal used in 1839. It is still the official seal of chapters.

Three sections were adopted with reference to jurisdiction, procedure, and penalties in cases of discipline.

As these various additions to the laws were very important, and as the laws were now numerous and scattered, the board of directors and the general secretary were directed to collect all of the laws and to arrange and publish them in the form of a code.

Besides making these important additions to the laws, the convention took action on many other matters of permanent interest. It instructed the directors to "take such measures as may to them seem most advisable to secure the co-operation of the leading college fraternities in a movement to discourage and abolish the practice of making combinations for the purpose of affecting elections to college offices and honors." Unfortunately, this early movement in the direction of pan-hellenism came to nothing. Other votes that had little or no practical result were that the directors should enroll in a book the proceedings of all conventions since the organization of the fraternity and the proceedings of all future conventions; that there should be a standing committee on alumni chapters to encourage and stimulate the organizing of such chapters and to report to the next

convention; that there should be a similar standing committee on chapter houses; and that William R. Baird be editor of a manual which should contain constitution, laws, record of conventions, lists of chapters, statistics, lists of prominent men, a short sketch of fraternity history, lists of rivals, and official documents.

The convention voted that each jeweler to the fraternity must pay an annual royalty of fifty dollars. This is still the rule.

This convention attempted to settle the question regarding initiating preparatory students. The Baltimore convention of 1880, by a vote of 66 to 12, had resolved "That this convention emphatically reaffirms the requirements of our constitution permitting the initiation of members of undergraduate classes only, and demands that the chapters entirely abandon the practice of initiating preparatory students or other ineligible persons." It will be noticed that that resolution was not, in form, at least, an attempt to legislate under the pretense of interpreting already existing law. The Baltimore doctrine was brought up at the Chicago convention. The committee on constitution and jurisprudence reported a resolution that "The sense of the convention is that the initiation of preparatory students be in every way discouraged." That mild resolution did not suit the convention, and instead it was, by a vote of 28 to 5, resolved "That, in institutions having a preparatory department attached as a part of their collegiate system, the classes in which are under charge of and taught by the college professors, and are carried on the college catalogue, such preparatory department may be construed as coming within the constitutional designation of undergraduate classes, until otherwise ordered by a general convention of the fraternity." As this resolution was disapproved by the next convention, there is no need of discussing what effect, if any, this legislative interpretation had upon the constitution.

There was universal regret that Rev. E. J. Brown, general secretary, and C. J. Seaman, song-book agent, refused to retain the offices that they had so long filled. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Eugene Wambaugh, general secretary; J. S. Goodwin and E. J. Brown, historiographers; Major W. C. Ransom, visiting officer; C. J. Seaman, catalogue agent; W. H. January, song-

book agent; Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, W. F. Boyd, and O. R. Brouse, directors for three years.

The literary exercises were held in Fairbank Hall, on the evening of August 30th. The orator was Rev. John Bascom, president of the University of Wisconsin. The poet was the Hon. W. F. Stone, one of the justices of the supreme court of Colorado. The banquet was had in the Grand Pacific Hotel on the evening of the 31st. Gen. R. W. Smith presided. Responses were made by Hon. Mark L. DeMotte, Dr. Theophilus Parvin, Col. C. C. Matson, Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Hon. A. P. Carpenter, Hon. John W. Herron, and Rev. J. Hogarth Lozier. Some of the music was furnished by the Beta Theta Pi quartette from the University of Michigan. Three hundred gentlemen and ladies were present. In every respect the banquet was the most successful ever enjoyed by the fraternity.

The Chicago convention is to this day regarded by every one as the ideal convention. At some conventions there have been as many chapters represented, and at some the social features have been just as pleasant, but, taking everything into the account, the convention of 1881 still stands at the head.

1881-'82.

During the year 1881-'82 the board of directors was constituted as follows: Hon. John W. Herron, president; W. F. Boyd, secretary; John I. Covington, R. Harvey Young, Sylvester G. Williams, Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, Major W. C. Ransom, Dr. W. P. Watson, and O. R. Brouse. The board elected R. Harvey Young general treasurer, John I. Covington editor of the magazine, and S. G. Williams, Willis O. Robb, and William R. Baird assistants.

The board confirmed the general secretary's new division of the fraternity into districts and his appointment of chief assistant secretaries as follows: I., New England, John T. Blodgett; II., New York and New Jersey, W. R. Baird; III., Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, and West Virginia, Willoughby N. Smith; IV., Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, Jas. G. Field, Jr.; V., Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, John A. Heron; VI., Ohio, Chas. H. Carey; VII.,

ia and Michigan, A. N. Grant; Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, W. A. Hamilton; IX., the states and territories, Scott Hop-

number of chapters remained the same as the previous year—forty-three, Columbia taking the place of Trinity University. The Columbia chapter was established on October 28th, 1881, by Dr. F. Mitchell, special commissioner. Petition from the University of Nebraska was sent around in the short way to a general secretary and the board, considered by the convention. It was denied. Petitions from Illinois Industrial University and Mercer University to obtain the approval of the existing chapters. Petitions from Pennsylvania College and several other institutions were discouraged, the very best investigation showing that it would be a waste of time to entertain them for an instant. A petition from Vanderbilt University was deemed by the board to be worthy of attention. The general secretary was instructed to visit the university and report the facts. The result was that, after meeting the petitioners, the chancellor of the university, although the petitioners were excellent men, legislation hostile to fraternities made it inexpedient to grant the petition. At this time the general secretary visited the Cumberland chapter, which had been for a year or two inactive almost dead. Upon receiving the general secretary's report regarding Vanderbilt and Cumberland, the board granted a dispensation allowing the Cumberland chapter to elect and initiate Vanderbilt students. The purpose was to strengthen Cumberland and to retain our presence at Vanderbilt. Both purposes admirably served by this dispensation. It should be known that this dispensation, like all others, was limited as to time, and was renewed from year to year.

The laws adopted by the convention of 1882 compelled the alumni chapters to organize. Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Richmond (Va.) did so. There were also re-unions at Providence, Indiana, and Kansas City.

The chief event of the year was the publication of the catalogue of 1881. This was given to subscribers in December.

It was a vast advance upon our previous catalogues. The difficulties of the work performed by the editor, Chas. J. Seaman, and his two associates, William R. Baird and Edwin H. Terrell, can never be fully appreciated. Their catalogue was our first attempt in the line of modern biographical cataloguing, and will be of incalculable assistance to all future editors.

The magazine was even better than in previous years. It added to the old features a series of articles descriptive of various American colleges. The piece of work for which this volume of the magazine will be longest remembered is the suggestion of a pan-hellenic council. This suggestion originated with our fraternity, and Willis O. Robb is the person to whom the honor belongs.

CONVENTION OF 1882.

The sessions of the forty-third annual convention were held at Cincinnati on August 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1882. The sessions of the first day were held at Melodeon Hall. The subsequent ones were held in the law school of the Cincinnati College. The convention had headquarters at the Gibson House. One hundred and eighty-five members were present. Thirty-one college chapters were represented, namely, Boston, Brown, Centre, Cornell, Denison, DePauw, Hampden Sidney, Hanover, Harvard, Indiana, Iowa, Kenyon, Madison, Maine State, Michigan, Mississippi, Northwestern, Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Randolph Macon, Richmond, St. Lawrence, Stevens, Union, Virginia, Wabash, Western Reserve, Westminster, Wisconsin, Wittenberg, and Wooster. The college chapters not represented were Beloit, Bethany, California, Columbia, Cumberland, Dickinson, Iowa Wesleyan, Johns Hopkins, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Rutgers, and Washington and Jefferson. Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Indianapolis alumni chapters were represented.

The temporary officers were O. R. Brouse, chairman, and J. R. Moorehead, secretary. The permanent officers were Hon. Will Cumbach, president; H. S. Babcock, W. E. Jobbins, H. S. Stetler, F. B. Clark, A. C. Downs, J. C. Hanna, J. E. Beal, W. A. Hamilton, and J. Wallace Childs, vice-presidents; F. W. Shepardson, secretary; J. A. Case and Wm. Iglehart, assistant secretaries. Gen. R. W. Smith was chairman of the

committee on constitution and jurisprudence; and Rev. E. J. Brown was chairman of the committee on chapters and charters.

The general secretary's report detailed the year's history, named three chapters that were so weak as to need investigation, presented petitions from Colby University and Vanderbilt University, submitted a code that he had compiled in pursuance of the action of the convention of 1881, and discussed several questions that had arisen in managing the roll. The report was accompanied by a map of the fraternity and by a table of statistics, which, besides giving the usual figures as to membership and initiations, classified our active members by classes and courses and gave some figures regarding our rivals and regarding non-fraternity men.

The figures for 1881-'82 were as follows: 43 chapters; 586 active members; by classes, 134 seniors, 116 juniors, 136 sophomores, 129 freshmen, 27 preparatory students, 44 post-graduate and professional; by courses, 340 classical, 155 scientific, philosophical, and literary, 50 technological, 11 medical, 23 law, 7 post-graduates; 209 initiates. These figures are taken from the statistical table, which was like all those since prepared, except that it attempted to give some indication of college honors taken by our members and also to give the relative standing of our rivals at the various colleges.

Letters of regret were read from numerous distinguished men. A letter was read from the University of California chapter, approving the petitions for charters. This was spread upon the minutes. A letter from Major Ransom was read and spread upon the minutes, giving the convention fatherly advice upon several subjects and especially opposing the granting of one of the petitions for a charter.

The Colby petition was rejected. The general secretary was ordered to submit the Vanderbilt petition to the chapters within two months after the convention. The three weak chapters mentioned in the general secretary's report were admonished that they must improve before the meeting of the next convention.

The code, or compilation of laws edited by the general secretary, was approved. The constitution and laws were amended so as to provide for a convention assessment fund. This was, of course, subject to approval by the next convention, as constitutional amendments must be ap-

proved by two conventions. A constitutional amendment making conventions biennial was also passed, subject to approval by the next convention; but the convention was really not in favor of the amendment, and adopted it only to please Gen. R. W. Smith and to give him an opportunity to have the amendment discussed for a year and to have it finally acted upon in 1882. The cases arising in the general secretary's management of the roll were disposed of by censuring the chapters that had been guilty of irregularities in initiating ineligible persons. The resolution of the convention of 1881 as to the initiation of preparatory students was repealed by a vote of 33 to 6; and regarding this subject no other action was taken. The convention had the advantage of having before it an elaborate report upon this question, prepared by W. A. Hamilton at the request of the board of directors. The general secretary was instructed to publish his code, embodying in it the laws as amended by the convention. This was done immediately, the code being published as part of the minutes.

Willis O. Robb, Eugene Wambaugh, and John T. Blodgett were appointed to confer with other fraternities with reference to a pan-hellenic council. A committee was appointed to revise the ritual and report to the next convention, and it was ordered that until the new ritual was adopted the chapters should confine themselves to the ritual adopted by the Baltimore convention or by previous conventions. As the new ritual has never been prepared, this last order is the law to this day. It was voted that William R. Baird be editor of the manual, with Ransom, Seaman, Babcock, Brouse, Robb, and Terrell as an advisory and revisionary committee. It was also ordered that the history prepared by John S. Goodwin be by him revised and completed, under the supervision of the board, and be then bound in substantial form and filed in the archives.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Eugene Wambaugh, general secretary; John S. Goodwin and Rev. E. J. Brown, historiographers; Chas. J. Seaman, catalogue agent; W. H. January, song-book agent; Major W. C. Ransom, visiting officer; Hon. John W. Herron, John I. Covington, and Major W. C. Ransom, directors for three years.

The literary exercises were held at

leon Hall, on the evening of August Gov. A. G. Porter, of Indiana, was rator, and H. S. Babcock was the

Remarks were made by Hon. Will back and by Hon. John Reily Knox, of the founders of the fraternity. convention had more than an average of attention from our older members. g the regular sessions speeches were by Gen. Durbin Ward, Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, and Dr. nd Beatty, president of Centre ge. At the banquet responses were by Hon. Will Cumback, Rev. L. ay, Gen. R. W. Smith, Dr. E. E. rds, and D. G. Hamilton (reading sponse written by Hon. Sidney as, who was detained by sickness). m was read by H. S. Babcock. Dr.

A. Reamy was the toast-master. vel feature was the presence of a er of another fraternity, Hon. S. int, who responded to the sentiment "Pan-hellenic Council." This ban- was held at the Gibson House on ening of August 31st. About two ed gentlemen and ladies were pres- Like the Chicago banquet, it was at the expense of local alumni. It able that the great expense of these anquets suggested the change since ed, whereby the alumni are relieved his burden.

1882-'83.

ing the year 1882-'83 the board of ors was constituted precisely as in eceding year, except that Sylvester illiams became the secretary. The s of the magazine were Willis O. Chas. M. Hepburn, W. C. Sprague, / R. Baird. The business managers Frank M. Joyce and E. W. Runyan. division into districts remained as preceding year, except that West ia was transferred from District III. istrict IV. The chief assistant sec- s for the districts were I., John T. ett; II., E. D. W. Petteys; III., ghby N. Smith; IV., W. C. White; .. C. Downs; VI., J. C. Hanna; A. N. Grant; VIII., W. A. Hamil- X., Scott Hopkins.

new chapters were established. anderbilt petitioners decided to wait r year, hoping that meanwhile the aternity law would be repealed. The isation allowing Cumberland chap- initiate Vanderbilt students was

continued. Petitions from Syracuse University, Colby University, and Ohio State University failed to obtain the approval of the neighboring chapters. A dispensation was granted to Ohio Wesleyan chapter allowing the initiation of the Ohio State University petitioners. The reason for this action was that the neighboring chapters joined in a request that there be this recognition of the persistent loyalty shown by the petitioners during the several years spent in fruitlessly working for a charter. Alumni chapters were established in Providence and New York. There were large reunions at Indianapolis and Providence.

The magazine more that sustained the reputation of former years. The editorial articles were more elaborate than before, and had an excellent literary finish. The items regarding other fraternities were numerous. In fact, there was an improvement in every respect. The reason for the improvement was that there was a larger board of editors than before; and, besides, the editors were relieved of the business management.

This year was marked by an advance in the character of the magazines of most of the fraternities. The fraternity magazines were more numerous, better, and more liberal in exchanging with one another. This may have been a result of the general discussion of a pan-hellenic council. In accordance with a call issued by the editors of the BETA THETA PI, a preliminary meeting of representatives of various fraternities was held at Philadelphia on the 22d of February, 1882, Willis O. Robb, the first advocate of the movement, representing us by appointment of the last convention. This meeting made arrangements for a pan-hellenic council to be held in 1884. Several subjects for discussion were announced. Nothing ever resulted from these arrangements, except that since 1882 willingness to co-operate and kindly feeling towards one another have been much more noticeable than before.

In May, 1882, the general secretary visited the chapters at Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, the University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Stevens, Columbia, Brown, Boston, Harvard, Maine State, Union, Madison, Cornell, and St. Lawrence. Besides visiting these fourteen chapters, he met the Colby petitioners and visited Amherst. As the Amherst petition had not yet been actually signed, his presence at Amherst

was kept a secret from the petitioners, and it is probable that our Amherst members now learn for the first time that they were carefully examined by the general secretary before their case was acted upon by the fraternity. It was necessary to make this investigation of Amherst thus early and secretly, because the petition was not to be signed until the undergraduate and alumni petitioners met at commencement, and, of course, a thorough examination could not be made between commencement and the convention. As every crowd of petitioners ought to be examined by an officer of the fraternity, the examination in this case had to be made before the petition was signed, unless the whole matter was to be postponed for one year. Care was taken, however, that the prospective petitioners should know nothing of the general secretary's presence, lest they should suppose that he had actually come all the way from Cincinnati to attempt to influence them.

CONVENTION OF 1883.

The forty-fourth annual convention met at Saratoga Springs on August 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1883, with headquarters at Congress Hall. About eighty members were present. Twenty-three college chapters were represented, namely, Boston, Brown, Centre, Columbia, Cornell, Denison, DePauw, Harvard, Indiana, Kansas, Kenyon, Madison, Maine State, Michigan, Northwestern, Ohio Wesleyan, Pennsylvania, St. Lawrence, Stevens, Union, Virginia, Western Reserve, Wooster. Therefore the college chapters not represented were Beloit, Bethany, California, Cumberland, Dickinson, Hampden Sidney, Hanover, Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, Johns Hopkins, Mississippi, Ohio, Randolph Macon, Richmond, Rutgers, Wabash, Washington and Jefferson, Westminster, Wisconsin, and Wittenberg. The alumni chapters at Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New York, Providence, and Richmond, Va., sent delegates.

The opening session was held at the hotel, but all of the other sessions were held at the City Hall, in the room of the supreme court. Willis O. Robb was the temporary chairman and Richard Lee Fearn was the temporary secretary. The permanent officers were Major W. C. Ransom, president; Chas. J. Seaman, S. G. Williams, and A. H. Flack, vice-

presidents; F. C. McMillan, secretary; A. M. Dyer and R. L. Fearn, assistant secretaries. J. E. Heath was chairman of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence, and J. C. Bannister was chairman of the committee on chapters and charters.

The table of statistics presented with the general secretary's report showed for 1882-'83, 43 college chapters, with a membership of 586; by classes, 114 seniors, 122 juniors, 142 sophomores, 136 freshmen, 14 preparatory, 58 post-graduate and professional; by courses, 330 studying for A. B., 148 S. B., Ph. B., and Lit. B., 51 C. E. Agr., B., or other technological degrees, 10 M. D., 34 LL. B., 3 S. T. B., 10 post-graduate; 229 initiates.

The general secretary's report gave a review of the year's work and presented petitions from Vanderbilt, Emory, and Amherst. The Amherst petition was granted. The other two were refused.

Several constitutional amendments were acted upon. The amendment substituting biennial conventions for annual conventions came up for final action and was not adopted. The amendment creating the convention assessment fund was adopted, and, having been approved by the preceding convention, became part of the constitution. An amendment providing that conventions shall meet at Cincinnati not once in three years but once in four years received the approval of this convention and was referred to the next for final action. An important amendment making possible a change in the system of naming college chapters was also approved, subject to the action of the next convention, and the general secretary was instructed to prepare a system and submit it with his next annual report.

To avoid all questions as to the force of laws not contained in the code, all laws passed previously to the adoption of the code were repealed. This convention made very insignificant additions to the laws, as distinguished from the constitution. It was enacted that the total annual assessment for annual dues upon each alumni chapter should be \$12; that the board should send an annual letter to the alumni of dead chapters; and that alumni not members of alumni chapters should pay an annual assessment of one dollar. These laws, like the laws of 1882 creating the convention assessment fund, have not been enforced.

D. Robb, who had represented preliminary pan-hellenic conferred a report of the actions of the convention. The convention appointed to represent us at the expected A committee was, as usual, appointed to gather ideas as to alumni and report to the next convention. It was also voted that the subscription of the magazine ought to be as every one knows, this recommendation has never been followed.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Harvey Young, William B. Aldrich, and Hon. Peleg Emory Aldrich, for three years; Eugene Wameral secretary; Chas. J. Sealogue agent; W. H. January, agent; John S. Goodwin, spher; and L. C. Hascall, ficer.

A public exercises the oration was by Dr. C. N. Sims, chancellor of the University. The banquet first one given on the modern dances, each man paying for his share. The attendance was not as large as most banquets. Willis O. Robb gave the oration. Addresses were given by Major W. C. Ransom, Major Knox, A. A. Alling, Gen. Thruston, and Sylvester G.

The convention, being held at a great resort, was tempted to give comparatively little attention to business. It was, however, to attend to business and to enjoy itself also. The convention enjoyed a coach ride to the Saratoga Lake, and made an excursion to Mt. McGregor. After the convention closed, many of the delegates made an excursion to Lake George here. Indeed, the features of a trip were noticeable even before the convention began; for on the way to a large party of delegates met at Saratoga Lake, and then and there the scheme of the Beta Theta Pi clubhouse at Wooglin. Thus it was that the Saratoga convention, one of the smallest, is one of the most memorable. It is also memorable as the only convention that has been successfully photographed.

1883-'84.

1883-'84 the districts remained

as in the preceding year. A slight change was made in the method of selecting the chiefs. Formerly men of considerable age and experience, generally alumni, were selected. This year the method was changed, and choice was made of men who in the preceding year had been efficient corresponding secretaries. Thus it happened that several of the new chiefs were undergraduates. This change was made in order to call attention to the importance of the corresponding secretary's office and in order to reward those who performed the duties of that office with promptness and good judgment. This principle of selecting chiefs is still followed. The chiefs of districts for the year were: I., W. M. McInnes; II., F. Dixon Hall; III., Howard S. Stetler; IV., Norborne R. Clarke; V., Chas. L. Jungerman; VI., James A. Rohbach; VII., James Albert Case; VIII., H. P. Mozier; IX., Chas. S. Wheeler.

The board of directors was constituted as follows: Hon. John W. Herron, president; W. B. Burnet, secretary; Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, W. F. Boyd, John I. Covington, R. Harvey Young, O. R. Brouse, Major W. C. Ransom, and Hon. Peleg Emory Aldrich. R. Harvey Young was general treasurer. Chambers Baird, Jr., was managing editor of the magazine and Chas. M. Hepburn, William R. Baird, and F. W. Shepardson were his associates. The business management was in the hands of F. M. Joyce, M. P. Drury, E. L. Martin, and S. S. Kauffmann. The magazine was changed to the present form. Nine numbers were published, making a total of four hundred and thirty-two pages. When the size of the page and the style of the typography are taken into the account, it appears that the magazine gave more matter than has ever been given by our magazine or by any similar one. It is more important to notice that the magazine was also better than ever before. The editorial department maintained the standard of previous years, and the improved typography seemed to raise the standard of the other departments. However that may be, it is a fact that this volume saw a vast improvement in chapter letters and in personal items. An interesting feature was a series of "Fraternity Studies" by Wm. R. Baird. There were also several valuable articles upon subjects not connected with fraternity work. This last was an experiment in the direction of combining the functions

of a literary magazine with those of a fraternity organ, after the fashion proposed by Beta Theta Pi more than forty years ago. The experiment can never be more skillfully tried than it was in 1883-'84, and no one could wish a greater literary success than the magazine was in that year; but it appeared to be a fact that the subscribers to this magazine subscribe for it in order to obtain matter regarding our fraternity, other fraternities, and similar subjects, and prefer to get their general literature elsewhere. Therefore, the semi-literary plan has been abandoned, and the ambition of subsequent editors has been the ambition of the earlier ones, namely, to make a magazine that will give fraternity news and discuss fraternity subjects in a style that will not offend good taste.

The Amherst chapter was established October 12th, 1883. W. M. McInnes was the commissioner. The Vanderbilt petition was also finally granted. The Vanderbilt anti-fraternity laws were repealed in November, 1883, and as soon thereafter as possible the petition was submitted to the chapters in the short way. The chapter was formally established on February 23d, 1884. Gen. Gates P. Thruston being the chairman of the commission appointed to take charge of the ceremony. From the adjournment of the Chicago convention in 1881 to the meeting of the St. Louis convention in 1885, Amherst and Vanderbilt were the only chapters granted. There was an analogy between the two cases. Each chapter was established after the petitioners had had prolonged experience in fraternity matters. The Amherst petitioners had for five years been a local society called the Torch and Crown, and had demonstrated their ability to succeed in the face of the oldest fraternities. Many of the Vanderbilt men had for two years been members of our fraternity, initiated at Cumberland under dispensations; and they had been maintaining something like a chapter organization. They were strong and had shown that even when opposed by anti-fraternity laws it was easy for them to get excellent men. Neither at Amherst nor at Vanderbilt did we run any risk of finding that our petitioners did not know how to manage a fraternity. Another similarity between the two institutions was that each was in the first rank.

Alumni chapters were established at Boston and Wheeling. Minor matters

were petitions from Syracuse University, Central University, the University of Georgia, and the Southwestern Presbyterian University. None of these obtained the approval of the neighboring chapters.

In 1884 the new song-book was published by the song-book agent, W. H. January. It was larger than the previous collections, and contained the music scores in full.

The most memorable event of the year was the perfecting of the club-house scheme. Enough stock was taken to make the scheme a success, the ground was bought, and the association was incorporated in Ohio as the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Club, with headquarters at Cleveland. Most of the credit is due to Chas. J. Seaman, who was enthusiastically seconded by Edwin H. Terrell and W. K. L. Warwick. In the spring the club-house was built on the club's grounds, at Wooglin on Chautauqua Lake. The place for holding the convention of 1884 was Cleveland; but the board of directors, at the request of all concerned, changed the place to Wooglin.

CONVENTION OF 1884.

The forty-fifth annual convention was the first one held in a building belonging to the fraternity. The convention met in the Beta Theta Pi alumni club-house, at Wooglin, on Chautauqua Lake, New York, on August 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22d, 1884. About one hundred members were present. Thirty-seven college chapters were represented, namely, Amherst, Bethany, Boston, Brown, California, Centre, Columbia, Cornell, Denison, De Pauw, Hampden Sidney, Harvard, Indiana, Iowa, Johns Hopkins, Kansas, Kenyon, Madison, Maine State, Michigan, Northwestern, Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Pennsylvania, Randolph Macon, St. Lawrence, Stevens, Union, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Wabash, Washington and Jefferson, Western Reserve, Westminster, Wisconsin, Wittenberg, and Wooster. Seven college chapters were not represented, namely, Beloit, Cumberland, Dickinson, Hanover, Iowa Wesleyan, Mississippi, Richmond, and Rutgers. The alumni chapters at Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Providence, and Wheeling were represented. Thus, although this was not a large convention, the number of college chapters represented was larger than ever before.

Chas. L. Jungerman was temporary chairman and T. C. Elliott was temporary secretary. The permanent organization was as follows: Edwin H. Terrell, president; Charles S. Wheeler, Thomas D. Wood, and Chambers Baird, Jr., vice-presidents; Jacob Brilles, secretary; J. G. Ruhn and R. B. Bloodgood, assistant secretaries. A. P. Sumner was chairman of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence. Chambers Baird, Jr., was chairman of the committee on chapters and charters.

The general secretary's report suggested that in order to provide for better performance of the numerous duties of his department there should be added a college secretary and an alumni secretary; called attention to the fact that an important part of the question of extension is the necessity of having an administrative system capable of managing from fifty to a hundred chapters; presented petitions from the University of Minnesota, the Ohio State University, and Denver University; and laid before the convention, as required by the previous convention, the best system that he could devise for naming the college chapters. His tabular view of statistics showed for 1883-'84 forty-five college chapters, with total membership of 624; by classes, 117 seniors, 124 juniors, 147 sophomores, 153 freshmen, 24 preparatory, 59 professional and post-graduates; by courses, 354 for A. B., 147 for S. B., Ph. B., or Lit. B., 62 for C. E., Agr. B., and other technological degrees, 13 for M. D., 27 for LL. B., 6 for S. T. B., and 14 post-graduates; 273 initiates.

The report of the board of directors said that as some members of the fraternity seemed to object to the granting of dispensations, the board had decided to grant no more unless the convention should take some action upon the subject.

The convention declared its approval of the system of granting dispensations in all cases deemed by the board to be extraordinary. It rejected all of the petitions for charters. Motions were made to withdraw the charters of four chapters, but these motions were voted down. The final action upon this subject was that the board was instructed to make an investigation of the condition of three certain chapters; and, if it seemed desirable to withdraw the charters, the board was empowered to request a surrender of the same.

It was voted that in case any chapter was not represented by a duly accredited delegate, any member of the chapter would be recognized as a representative. This was a formal recognition of the practice that has for many years obtained. The convention adopted finally the amendment to the constitution regarding names of chapters, and adopted finally the amendment making conventions at Cincinnati quadrennial. It also adopted the general secretary's scheme of naming chapters, whereby the full name is in the following form, "the Miami chapter, the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi." All of the general secretary's recommendations regarding names were embodied in the laws as they now stand.

In accordance with a recommendation contained in the report of the board of directors, it was resolved that an act should be prepared providing for a tribunal for the trial of all charges preferred against a member, wherein the penalty of suspension or expulsion is involved. No such bill was presented; but the convention improved the ancient practice by adopting a series of laws regulating procedure. The standing committee on alumni chapters, appointed at Saratoga, made a report through Major Ransom. The report presented "a code of standard by-laws to the provisions of which all alumni chapters must hereafter conform." The report was adopted.

The following officers were elected: Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, John Reily Knox, and W. F. Boyd, directors for three years; J. Cal Hanna, general secretary. The catalogue agent, song-book agent, historiographer, and visiting officers were re-elected. R. Harvey Young resigned his membership in the board of directors. This resignation was a great loss to the fraternity, for, as member of the board and as general treasurer, Young had for many years been one of our most valuable officers. Willis O. Robb was elected to fill the remaining two years of Young's unexpired term in the board of directors. The banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Point Chautauqua. There were no public exercises. The excursions upon the lake and to Niagara were a sufficient relaxation from the work of the convention.

1884-'85.

In 1884-85 the general secretary selected as his co-workers Frank B. Pearson for college secretary and Major W. C. Ransom

for alumni secretary. By this division of work, rendered possible by the action of the Wooglin convention, the general secretary's department was much strengthened. The districts remained as before, and the following chiefs were appointed; I., T. C. Elliott; II., Arthur E. Forbes; III., Frank T. Baker; IV., H. C. V. Campbell; V., Charles L. Jungerman; VI., G. P. Thorpe; VII., John W. Robbins; VIII., L. P. Conover; IX., James R. Moorehead. The organization of the board of directors was as follows: Hon. John W. Herron, president; Willis O. Robb, secretary; John I. Covington, Wm. B. Burnet, Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, W. F. Boyd, Major W. C. Ransom, Hon. Peleg Emory Aldrich, John Reily Knox. The general treasurer was John I. Covington.

The managing editor of the magazine was Willis O. Robb. Chambers Baird, Jr., William R. Baird, and F. W. Shepardson were his associates. Frank M. Joyce was the business manager. The financial success of the magazine during the last few years is due to his systematic work and untiring energy. Six numbers were published, the magazine becoming a bi-monthly. The literary tone of previous years was maintained and improved, although the magazine was, in general, restricted to fraternity matter. The chief feature of the volume was the publication of two short stories, "Grif's Candidate" and "His Second Degree." Yet it is more accurate to say that the chief feature of this volume, as well as of the preceding one, was the excellent and even taste shown throughout every department. In those two years when the dragon, the owl, and the dog appeared upon the cover, the magazine attained as high a degree of excellence and of usefulness as it need ever expect or wish, and the aim of the future editors can only be to copy the tone of those two volumes. Alumni chapters were established at Washington, Philadelphia, and Denver. A dispensation was granted to Northwestern chapter, permitting the initiation of students of the University of Denver; and a dispensation was granted to Hampden Sidney chapter, allowing the initiation of students of the Hampden Sidney Theological Seminary. No new college chapters were established.

CONVENTION OF 1885.

The sessions of the forty-sixth annual

convention were held at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, on August 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1885. About sixty members were present, representing the following twenty-two college chapters: Beloit, Bethany, Brown, Centre, Cornell, DePauw, Harvard, Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, Johns Hopkins, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Richmond, St. Lawrence, Stevens, Virginia, Westminster, Wisconsin, and Wooster. Twenty-three college chapters were not represented, namely: Amherst, Boston, California, Columbia, Cumberland, Denison, Dickinson, Hampden Sidney, Hanover, Indiana, Kenyon, Madison, Maine State, Northwestern, Pennsylvania, Randolph Macon, Rutgers, Union, Vanderbilt, Wabash, Washington and Jefferson, Western Reserve, and Wittenberg. Several alumni chapters were represented, but it was decided by the chair that alumni chapters which had not since the Wooglin convention reorganized and formally adopted the standard code of by-laws could not be recognized. As there were very few alumni present, this ruling was not tested, and the question will undoubtedly come up for final decision hereafter.

W. W. Dedrick was temporary chairman and C. A. Hall was temporary secretary. The permanent officers were Gov. B. Gratz Brown, president; Major W. C. Ransom, J. C. Hanna, and Dabney Marshall, vice-presidents; W. T. Smith, secretary; C. A. Hall and B. H. Charles, Jr., assistant secretaries. Chambers Baird, Jr., was chairman of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence, and Willis O. Robb was chairman of the committee on chapters and charters.

The board of directors reported a roll of the official names of chapters according to the laws adopted at the Wooglin convention, and reported that there had been a marked improvement in the three chapters whose condition the last convention had instructed the board to investigate. The general secretary reported a prosperous year, presented five petitions for charters, and gave an argument against an extreme conservatism in granting petitions. His table of statistics showed for 1884-'85 forty-five chapters, with a total active membership of 687; by classes, 127 seniors, 146 juniors, 162 sophomores, 157 freshmen, 24 preparatory, 67 professional and post-graduate, and 10 unclassified; by courses, 353 for A. B., 175 for S. B.,

and Lit. B., 61 for C. E., Agr. B., lar degrees, 15 in special courses, 1. D., 35 for LL. B., 15 for S. T. 18 post-graduates; 248 initiates. er was granted to the University s. The other four petitions, in- one from the Ohio State Univer- re ordered to be sent to the chap- he general secretary in the short

3 voted that members of chapters esented by duly qualified dele- ould be allowed to cast the votes chapters. It was ruled by the at "when the delegation of any consisted of but two members ie two members were divided on stion requiring a vote by chapters, of such a chapter should be con- as cast against the motion before rention." The vote as to repre- n of college chapters, the ruling ived votes, and the ruling as to chapters are important contribu- our customary law.

convention did not consider any ents to the constitution; and it o change in the laws, except that oted that a chapter transporta- id be formed annually by an as- t of ten dollars upon each active , and that each active chapter id to convention at least one dele- ose railroad fare will be paid out general transportation fund. The ion authorized that "a clause be in the by-laws of every chapter, g every active member of the to subscribe to the BETA THETA

as resolved that "the board of s be instructed to take into con- on the subject of the semi-centen- iversary of the fraternity occur- 1889, and report a programme of s suitable to the occasion, for the f the forty-seventh annual con- "

following officers were elected: hn W. Herron, John I. Coving- l Gen. R. W. Smith, directors for ars; J. Cal Hanna, general sec- C. J. Seaman, catalogue agent; W. C. Ransom, transportation Wm. R. Baird, historiographer; ascall and Marshall P. Drury, officers.

convention poem, by Dabney ll, was read at the banquet. Hon. rancis was master of ceremonies.

Toasts were responded to by J. Cal Hanna, Major W. C. Ransom, Gen. R. W. Smith, Dabney Marshall, George R. Lockwood, Walter B. Douglas, W. S. Jones, Chambers Baird, Jr., B. H. Charles, Jr., C. D. Roy, J. R. Montgomery, W. P. Kennett, and George F. Saal.

1885-'86.

In 1885-'86 the general secretary had as alumni secretary Major W. C. Ransom, and as college secretary Wilby G. Hyde. The districts retained the former boundaries, and the following chiefs were appointed: I., Ralph K. Jones; II., Geo. F. Saal; III., F. M. Welsh; IV., E. B. Pollard, V., J. B. Ellis; VI., S. E. Greenawalt; VII., J. G. Campbell; VIII., D. H. Bloom; IX., Chas. F. Scott. The board organized with the same officers as before, namely: Hon. John W. Herron, president, and Willis O. Robb, secretary, the other members being John I. Covington, Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, W. F. Boyd, Hon. Peleg Emory Aldrich, Gen. R. W. Smith, and John Reily Knox. John I. Covington was re-elected general treasurer.

Frank M. Joyce was retained as business manager of the magazine. Eugene Wambaugh became editor, with F. W. Shepardson, W. C. Sprague and Richard Lee Fearn as his associates. The magazine became a monthly again. The dog, dragon, and owl on the cover were laid aside, and a blue cover with table of contents on the outside was substituted. In other respects the appearance, arrangement, and typography remained as before.

Late in 1885 the general secretary published in book form the constitution, the laws, and the alumni chapter by-laws, with all amendments to date, making a convenient compendium of Beta Theta Pi law.

As directed by the St. Louis convention, the petition from the Ohio State University was submitted to the chapters. The petition being granted, the chapter was provisionally established on December 11th, 1885, upon the occasion of the third Ohio re-union. The charter members had belonged to a local society, the Phi Alpha. Several had formerly been members of our chapters at other colleges, and a few had been initiated by the Ohio Wesleyan chapter under a dispensation.

CONCLUSION.

The Chicago convention of 1881 marks the dividing line between two very different periods of our history. The few years ending with that convention were distinguished by rapid and almost dramatic extension, and also by the withdrawal of our weakest chapters. The years that have followed have been as different as can be conceived. There is no wisdom in debating which of the two periods was the more beneficial to the fraternity; for each period was absolutely necessary to our proper development.

Any one who has paid even the slightest attention to the details given in the preceding notes has perceived the extraordinary advance since the convention of 1881. The advance is not to be seen in figures. The increase from a membership of just four thousand, as the figures stood when we met at Chicago, to a membership of five thousand and two hundred, as the figures read to-day, is the very last and least item to which one would call attention. Nor is the increased length of the list of chapters a matter of importance. What we are proud of is the high standard of our work. We have rejected a score of

petitions. The chapters established have been few; they have been placed in none but the best colleges; and they have been composed of none but desirable men. In each case a charter has been refused until a careful investigation on the spot has demonstrated that there was no danger in granting the petition. The existing chapters have been carefully watched by the chiefs, by the general secretary, and by the board of directors; so carefully, indeed, that the word of warning has always been given in time, and therefore it has been unnecessary to withdraw even one charter. The interest of the alumni has been kept alive by annual re-unions for New England, Ohio, and Indiana, not to mention numerous other gatherings. A wholly new means of perpetuating the usefulness of the fraternity among the alumni has been afforded by the Beta Theta Pi alumni club at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua Lake. Yet, why multiply words? Why go on to speak of the catalogue of 1881, of the magazine, of the development in the laws, of the improvements in methods of administration? The preceding notes have already shown clearly enough that in every department of work the years from 1881 to 1886 have seen an advance.

THE YOUNGER MEMBERS.

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS ADMITTED SINCE THE CONVENTION OF 1881, WITH
NOTES AS TO COLLEGES AND CHAPTERS.

AMHERST CHAPTER.

[The Beta Iota, at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.]

Amherst College was founded in 1821. It has twenty-two professors and eleven other instructors. The students usually number about three hundred and fifty. The only department is the regular college course of four years. Almost all of the students are candidates for A. B., but a very few are candidates for S. B., and during the latter years of the regular course there is considerable freedom in choice of studies. The standard is high. Amherst was the first college to lay stress upon physical training. It was also the first college to place in the hands of an undergraduate a great part of the college discipline. The college is conservative, refusing to admit women, and still giving the classics their ancient place. It is not a state institution; and it is not sectarian, although it is, practically, controlled by orthodox congregationalists. The gymnasium, the art gallery, and the library are well worth seeing; and the last is one of the few college libraries that are actually accessible and useful.

The eight fraternities, named in the order of establishment, are Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, and Theta Delta Chi. Chapters are, generally, large, varying from twenty-five to thirty. It is the custom of fraternity men to live in chapter houses, rather than in the regular college dormitories. That fraternities are recognized as valuable is shown by the following extract from President Julius H. Seelye's circular letter to the Amherst alumni, dated November, 1884: "The society houses present in all respects a desirable feature in our college life. They are well managed. The students who occupy them are careful and orderly. No houses in the village are more attractive, and no households conducted with more propriety. The general tone of the college is such that any society which should tolerate disorderly or demoralizing ways would lose not only its name, but its position and power in the college. So long as the moral sentiment of the college remains as it is, the healthy rivalry for college influence will require every society to be on the side of good order. If any member of a society has bad habits, his society, instead of favoring these, is likely to prove one of the strongest agencies in their removal. We find, therefore, that the actual influence of the societies is salutary."

The Beta Iota of Beta Theta Pi was established on the twelfth day of October, 1883, the petition having been granted by the Saratoga convention. The petitioners were the members of the Torch and Crown, a local society founded in 1878, and the charter allowed the initiation of all active or alumni members of that society, as the alumni joined with the active members in asking a charter. The membership is usually twenty-five. The corresponding secretaries have been T. C. Elliott, E. S. Damon, S. S. Parks, and R. M. Palmer. In 1884-'85 T. C. Elliott, one of the charter members, was chief of the district. The representatives at the Wooglin convention were T. C. Elliott and W. E. Russell.

XLV.—The Founders.

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ARTHUR PRESTON SMITH, '81. Keeler's Bay, Vt.

EDSON DWINELL HALE, '82. Kellogg fifteen; Hardy eight and first prize; Phi Beta Kappa philosophy prize; teacher in Hopkins Academy. Oakland, Cal.; former address, Stowe, Vt.

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JACOB PAISLEY WHITEHEAD, '82. Kellogg fifteen and five; president of Social Union; teacher. Wealaka, Ind. Ter.; former address, Hillsboro, Ill.

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ALMON JESSE DYER, '83. Hardy six; Glee Club; Phi Beta Kappa; at Hartford Theological Seminary. Cummington, Mass.

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ALBERT HUMPHREY PRATT, '84. Los Angeles, Cal.

GEORGE FOSTER PRENTISS, '84. Glee club; Kellogg fifteen. Home address, Windham, Vt.; temporary address, 49 E. Divinity Hall, New Haven, Conn.

JAMES HAZEN TUFTS, '84. Highest possible

rank in freshman year; second Greek prize freshman year; Kellogg fifteen; Walker mathematical prize; Sophomore Latin prize; foot-ball team; Hardy prize; Hyde fifteen; position on commencement stage; Phi Beta Kappa; tutor in mathematics. Amherst, Mass.; former address, Monson, Mass.

THOMPSON COIT ELLIOTT, '85. Glee club; corresponding secretary and chief district. Emporia, Kansas; former address, Newington, Conn.

WILLIAM ADELBERT GORDON, '85. Grand Forks, Dak.; former address, 13 E. Fourteenth street, New York, N. Y.

FREDERICK WILLIAM PHELPS, '85. Sophomore Latin prize; Phi Beta Kappa; on commencement stage; teacher. Topeka, Kansas; former address, Erving, Mass.

WARREN EDWARD RUSSELL, '85. Member of the Beta Alpha. Massillon, O.

THEODORE WOOLSEY SCARBOROUGH, '85. Foot-ball team; college senate. Home address, P. O. box 1123, Cincinnati, O.; temporary address, care Q. and C. R. R., Meridian, Miss.

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ARTHUR FAIRBANKS STONE, '85. President of Social Union; Phi Beta Kappa; editor on *Hampshire Herald*. Northampton, Mass.; former address, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

JAMES EATON TOWER, '85. Grove orator; editor of *Homestead*, Springfield, Mass.; former address, North Brookfield, Mass.

EDWIN BURNS WOODIN, '85. Phi Beta Kappa; foot ball-team; teacher. Talequah, Ind. Ter.; former address, Amherst, Mass.

EDWIN STETSON DAMON, '86. Cor. sec.; editor *Olio*. Plymouth, Mass.

GEORGE CLINTON GOODWIN, '86. Lexington, Mass.

SAMUEL SHAW PARKS, '86. Kellogg, fifteen, Palmer, Mass.

WILLARD HENRY POOLE, '86. Walker mathematical prize; Phi Beta Kappa. Rockland, Mass.

CLARENCE HAYWARD WHITE, '86. Second Greek prize; Phi Beta Kappa; teacher of Greek in Amherst high school. Amherst, Mass.; former address, Raynham, Mass.

WILLIAM FAIRFIELD WHITING, '86. President foot-ball association; on foot ball-team. Holyoke, Mass.

HAMLIN AVERY WHITNEY, '86. South Gardner, Mass.

ALBERT EDWARDS WILBAR, '86. Taunton, Mass.

GEORGE COOPER DEAN, '87. Holbrook, Mass.

GEORGE NELSON GODDARD, '87. Hopedale, Mass.

CHARLES BENJAMIN STEVENS, '87. On Kellogg fifteen; *Olio* editor. Worcester, Mass.

EDWARD PICKETT VANDERCOOK, '85. Member of the Rho. Evanston, Ill.

XLV.

WARREN DANIEL FORBES, '86. Left college at the end of sophomore year; temporary address, Shelburne, Falls, Mass.; permanent address, Buckland, Mass.

ROBERT MANNING PALMER, '87. Corresponding secretary; glee club; leader of banjo club. Boston, Mass.

XLVI.

HAROLD LEE JACOBS, '88. Akron, O.
 LUCIUS ETHAN JUDSON, '88. Ball nine.
 Painesville, O.
 CHARLES BEEBE RAYMOND, '86. Akron, O.
 JOHN EDWIN SMITH, '88. Foot-ball team.
 Worcester, Mass.
 GEORGE PALMER STEEL, '88. Foot-ball
 team. Painesville, O.
 CHARLES BARROWS WILBAR, '88. Taunton,
 Mass.
 HERBERT PEKIN WOODIN, '88. Held posi-
 tion on freshman Kellogg fifteen for prize speak-
 ing. Amherst, Mass.
 HOMER GARD, '88. Taking special course.
 Hamilton, O.

XLVII.

WILLARD PAYSON SMITH, '88. Dunkirk,
 N. Y.
 JAMES CHAMBERS, JR., '89. Brooklyn, N. Y.
 HENRY ARNOLD COOKE, '89. North Brook-
 field, Mass.
 ROBERT HOLMES CUSHMAN, '89. Monson,
 Mass.
 BRANDON RHODEHAMEL MILLIKIN, '89.
 Hamilton, O.
 CHARLES DICKINSON PHELPS, '89. Erving,
 Mass.

BELOIT CHAPTER.

[The Chi, at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.]

Beloit College offers two courses of study, the classical and the philosophical, each being composed of prescribed work. The faculty is composed of nine professors and one assistant professor, and there are several other instructors. There are usually about seventy students in the college classes and about one hundred in the preparatory department. Women are not admitted. The college was founded in 1847 and is controlled by the Presbyterians and Congregationalists. *The Round Table* is published every other Friday of the collegiate year, by the Archæan Union. Its editorships are filled by semi-annual elections.

Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Chi are the fraternities. The average membership is ten. For many years there was great hostility to fraternities. This hostility has disappeared in the faculty, but it is still found to some extent among the students. The fraternities do not admit preparatory students and do not enter into combinations. The rule against preparatory students is one of the conditions upon which the chapters retain the right to exist openly.

The Chi of Beta Theta Pi was founded in 1860, and is more than twenty years older than its rivals. Until some two years ago the opposition to fraternities made Chi's life precarious; but the chapter is now in good shape. Its record in scholarship is remarkable. Since the convention of 1881 the corresponding secretaries have been Horace S. Fiske, Fred S. Shepherd, Henry S. Shedd, W. A. Russell, and John R. Montgomery. The chapter was represented at the convention of 1881 by C. B. McGennis and C. J. Robertson, and at that of 1885 by John R. Montgomery.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIV.

HENRY SPRAGUE SHEDD, '86. Bridgman prize; Archæan debater; secretary of Wisconsin State Oratorical Association; associate editor of *Whitewater* (Wis.) *Register*; corresponding secretary; now at university of Wisconsin and member of Alpha Pi. Whitewater, Wis.

HIRAM DELOS DENSMORE, '86. Archæan debater; distinguished oration for junior exhibition; exchange editor *Round Table*; home contest speaker; president Archæan union. Delavan, Wis.

WILLIAM ARTHUR RUSSELL, '87. On ball nine; freshman declaimer; vice-president of Wisconsin State Oratorical Association; Archæan debater; financial manager of *Round Table*; distinguished oration for junior exhibition; literary editor *Round Table*; cor. sec.; historian of Chi. Rochester, Wis.

JAMES ROOD ROBERTSON, '86. Personal editor *Round Table*; freshman declaimer; Archæan debater; Bridgman prize; distinguished oration for junior exhibition; home contest speaker. 1211 S. Winnebago street, Rockford, Ill.

XLV.

WAYLAND SAMUEL AXTELL, '86. Distinguished oration for junior exhibition; acting president of Archæan Union. Evansville, Wis.

SAMUEL ROBERT SLAYMAKER, '86. Was member of Rho. Beloit, Wis.

BENJAMIN GEORGE BLEASDALE, '87. Teacher. Janesville, Wis.

JOHN ROGERSON MONTGOMERY, '87. Waterman prize; Archæan debater; personal editor of *Round Table*; cor. sec. 478 N. State street, Chicago, Ill.

REV. FRANK BUFFINGTON VROOMAN, '87. Lecturer with Slayton Lyceum Bureau of Chicago; student at Chicago Theological Seminary; clergyman. 145 Kansas avenue, Topeka, Kans.

XLVI.

HERBERT CUTLER BROWN, '87. Junior exhibition poet. Hyde Park, Ill.

HENRY HUNTINGTON SWAIN, A. B. '84. Local editor *Round Table*; Archæan debater; exchange editor *Round Table*; Bridgman prize; distinguished oration for junior exhibition; editor-in-chief *Round Table*; Beloit representative at state oratorical contest, 1884; professor of mathematics in Straight University. Straight University, New Orleans, La.

SAMUEL OTIS DAUCHY, '87. Archæan debater; local editor *Round Table*. La Salle avenue, Chicago, Ill.

FRANK DYER JACKSON, Ph. B. '84. Financial manager *Round Table*; Archæan debater; distinguished oration for junior exhibition; missionary prize essay; clerk judiciary committee of Wisconsin assembly, 1885; assistant principal of high school. Janesville, Wis.

JAMES ALEXANDER LYMAN, '88. Archæan debater. Bradford, Ill.

HARRY MORROW HYDE, '88. Archæan debater; Archæan poet. Freeport, Ill.

WILLIAM JUDSON BROWN, '87. Distinguished oration for junior exhibition. Batavia, Ill.

XLVII.

OTIS CALVIN OLDS, '86. Lewis prize; local editor *Round Table*; Archæan debater; Bridgman prize; missionary prize essay; home contest speaker. Clinton, Wis.

FRANK HENRY CHASE, '86. Archæan debater; Latin oration for junior exhibition. Cherry Valley, Ill.

SAMUEL MORGAN BUSHNELL, '88. Rockford, Ill.

GEORGE ALBERT CHASE, '89. Cherry Valley, Ill.

ARTHUR HENRY ARMSTRONG, '89. Waterman prize. 218 Ogden avenue, Chicago, Ill.

BETHANY CHAPTER.

[The Psi, at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.]

At Bethany College there are usually about ninety students, including ten or fifteen women. The faculty consists of five professors. Degrees are given in arts and in science. The courses of study requisite for a degree are composed of prescribed studies; but, after the fashion of many colleges, the student is permitted to take his studies in almost any order that his necessities require; for example, he may be a sophomore in Latin while he is a junior in mathematics. The college was founded in 1841 and for some time was under the care of Alexander Campbell, the first leader of the religious denomination called Disciples. It is the chief educational institution of that denomination, and accordingly draws its students from many states.

The only fraternities are Delta Tau Delta and Beta Theta Pi. The ordinary membership of each chapter is from ten to fifteen. This is the parent chapter of Delta Tau Delta.

The Psi of Beta Theta Pi was founded in 1861. Its corresponding secretaries since the Chicago convention of 1881 have been L. B. Mertz, E. H. Miller, W. S. St. Clair, A. J. Colborn, Jr., W. McElroy, and W. C. Payne. The representatives at the convention of 1881 were H. G. Niles and M. C. Burt; at that of 1884, A. J. Colborn, Jr., L. B. Mertz, and J. A. Beall; and at that of 1885, J. F. Witmer.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

FRANCIS MARION KIMMELL. Somerset, Pa.
WILBUR BURGESS LOWE. In business at Shelby, O.

HEBER REGINALD BROWN. Shelby, O.
ANDREW JACKSON COLBORN, JR., A. B. '84.
Editor-in-chief of *Bethany Collegian*; valedictorian of American literary society, also valedictorian of his class; took second honors; assistant clerk house representatives Pennsylvania; lawyer. Somerset, Pa.

CORNELIUS SHAENFELD. Elmore, O.
ARTHUR LYMAN WRIGHT. Elmore, O.

XLIV.

WILLIAM HENRY WOLF, B. S. '85. Class poet; orator American literary society. Editor *Bethany Collegian*; teacher. Bridgeport, O.

FRANKLIN PIERCE ST. CLAIR. Professor mathematics and Latin in Hamilton Female College. Lexington, Ky.

ROGER HANSON LILLARD, B. S. '84. Manufacturer. Lawrenceburg, Ky.

REV. CHARLES GEORGE BRELOS, B. A. '84. Orator of American literary society. Buffalo, N. Y.

EMMETT AUSTIN HALL. Folks Station, O.
WILLIAM LINCOLN MCELROY, A. B. '85.
Editor-in-chief of *Bethany Collegian*; valedictorian of American literary society; first honors and Greek oration at graduation. Howard, O.

WALLACE CLAIRE PAYNE, '86. Anniversary and twenty-second February orator, American Literary Institute; tutor in mathematics; editor *Bethany Collegian*; cor. sec.; South Bend, Ind.

ROBERT HAMILTON DEVINE. 4046 Jacob street, Wheeling, W. Va.

JOHN BROWN WILSON, B. S. '85. First hon-

ors in scientific course; orator American literary society; studying law. Wheeling, W. Va.

JAMES ANDREW HOPKINS MERTZ, B. S. '85. Chemist in Benwood Iron Works. Bellaire, O.

JAMES EDWIN ATKINSON. Clinton, Mo.

ALEXANDER MCKINNEY. Clerk in custom house, Cleveland, O.

FRANK WARRINER. Studying pharmacy in New York City. Kansas City, Mo.

XLV.

NORMAN ARTER PHILIPS. Student at Harvard University. New Castle, Pa.

GEORGE BENJAMIN STACY. Now at Richmond Col., and member of Alpha Kappa. 406 W. Cary street, Richmond, Va.

WILLIAM HENRY MOONEY, B. S. '84. Teacher. La Grange, O.

LEWIS CASS WOOLERY, A. B. '84. First honors in classical course; professor in Bethany College. Bethany, W. Va.; former address, Antioch Mills, Ky.

MILES GRANT BAXTER, A. B. '85. Teacher of phonography. Hopedale, O.

XLVI.

EDWIN E. CURRY. Orator of freshman class. New Lisbon, O.

HARRY HAMPTON RUMBLE. Home, Lowell, O.; present address, Beverly, O.

XLVII.

ALVIN LINCOLN WHITE, '86. Orator of junior class; teacher. Bethesda, O.

W. KENT PENDLETON, JR., '88. Bethany, W. Va.

FRANK SHERMAN ISRAEL, '88. Beallsville, O.
JOHN COLEMAN REID, '87. Twenty-second orator Neatrophian literary society. Mt. Sterling Ky.

HENRY REID BRIGHT, '87. Mt. Sterling, Ky.

BOSTON CHAPTER.

[The Upsilon, at Boston University, Boston, Mass.]

The college department of Boston University is overshadowed by the professional schools. While the attendance upon the schools of law and medicine and theology is in the aggregate usually more than three hundred and fifty, the attendance upon the college of liberal arts rarely exceeds one hundred and forty. Women are admitted to all departments. The course of study in the college is largely elective. The university is under Methodist control; but, because of its admitting women and because of its having the only medical school in New England not controlled by the so-called regular school of physicians, it has interested many persons outside of the Methodist denomination, and has been prevented from becoming merely sectarian. The theological school is, however, strictly devoted to the Methodist Episcopal church. The university was founded in 1869. It has ample means. The buildings stand in the heart of the city, and there are no dormitories except in connection with the theological school.

Beta Theta Pi and Theta Delta Chi are the fraternities, both founded in 1876. The average size of chapters is about fifteen. Theta Delta Chi usually has considerably more than that number.

The Upsilon has always confined its membership to the college department, although the professional schools offer a tempting field. Upsilon is careful in selecting men, and almost every one of its members has remained in college until graduation. The chapter has been active in fraternity work. The corresponding secretaries since the convention of 1881 have been Chas. F. Waterhouse, Jas. E. Lawrence, Wm. B. Snow, Walter S. Little, J. H. McKenzie, George E. Whitaker, and Wm. M. Warren. The representatives at the convention of 1881 were A. C. Poole and A. H. Flack; at that of 1882, C. F. Waterhouse and A. C. Poole; at that of 1883, A. H. Flack and L. C. Hascall; and that of 1884, J. H. Kenzie. L. C. Hascall was visiting officer for 1883-84, 1884-85, and 1885-86.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WALTER SANDERSON LITTLE, '85. Cor. sec.; wholesale boot and shoe business. Permanent address, Wellsley, Mass.; temporary address, 292 Devonshire street, Boston Mass.

XLIV.

GEORGE EDGAR WHITAKER, '85. *Beacon* manager; cor. sec.; astronomical computer. Permanent address, Worcester, Mass.; temporary, 22 Aldersey St., Somerville, Mass.

WILLIAM BRACKET SNOW, '85. Commencement speaker; business manager *Beacon*; cor. sec.; sub-master in the English high school, Boston. Stoneham, Mass.

ORDELL HERCULES POWERS, '84. Publishing business. 5 and 7 East Fourth street, New York, N. Y.

JOSEPH CLARENCE HAGEN, '86. Commencement speaker; editor *Beacon*; president of the "*Deutsches Kraenzchen*"; teacher at Comer's Commercial College. Permanent address, E. Marshfield, Mass.

XLV.

WILLIS BRECKENRIDGE HOLCOMBE, '86. Left college in '84 to study in Germany. Gottingen is his present address; permanent address, Richmond, Indiana.

BERNHARD BERENSON, '87. Went to Harvard in '85 to pursue special course. 11 Minot street, Boston, Mass.

JOHN HEYWARD MCKENZIE, '84. Cor. sec.;

Ph. D. Teacher in Wesleyan college, Cincinnati, O.

WILLIAM MARSHALL WARREN, '87. Cor. sec. 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass.

XLVI.

WALTER PERKINS TAYLOR, '84. Andover Theological Seminary. Andover, Mass.; home address, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

WALTER EDWARD HARRISON MASSEY, '87. With Massey manufacturing company, Toronto, Ont.

CLIFF RODGERS RICHARDS, '88. E. Marshfield, Mass.

LEWIS NEWELL CUSHMAN, '87. East Boston, Mass.

ERNEST WILLIAM BRANCH, '88. Granby, Mass.

XLVII.

LAWRENCE BAKER GREENWOOD, '88. Everett, Mass.

ERNEST AVERY JOHNSTON, '88. Dorchester, Mass.

GEORGE AINSWORTH DUNN, '89. Gardner, Mass.

BENJAMIN COLE GILLIS, '89. Mechanicsville, Vt.

LINVILLE HEBER WARDWELL, '89. Beverly, Mass.

THOMAS WHITESIDE, '89. CHICOPEE, Mass.

XLVIII.

JESSE GRANT CRAMER, '89. Auburndale, Mass.

BROWN CHAPTER.

[The Kappa, at Brown University, Providence, R. I.]

n University has seventeen professors and five other instructors. The number, usually, between two hundred and fifty and three hundred. Women admitted. The popular course is the one leading to A. B., although there are the Ph. B. course. Beginning with junior year, about one-third of the work ve. Rhode Island's share of the national land grant for agricultural and ical colleges was by the legislature assigned to Brown, but that fact has not ably affected the courses of study. In fact, the professor of agricultural is about the only visible mark of the agricultural and mechanical department. versity was founded in 1764. It is governed by a board of trustees, in which rious religious denominations have a certain representation that was long ago on; but the majority of the trustees must be Baptists, and so, must the presi- the university; and this is the reason why Brown, though really unsectarian, is considered a Baptist institution.

aternities in the order of original foundation are Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, ilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta , and Chi Phi. The membership of prosperous chapters ranges from fifteen . There are no chapter houses.

Kappa, founded in 1847, was revived in 1880. The chapter usually numbers venteen. The corresponding secretaries since the convention of 1881 have B. Harvey, A. D. Cole, A. P. Sumner, Jos. H. Ward, Harry T. Sherman, Crooker. John T. Blodgett, of Kappa, was chief of the district from 1881

At the convention of 1881 the representatives were H. S. Babcock, W. H. , and A. P. Hoyt, the last being one of the vice-presidents; at that of 1882, abcock and C. H. J. Douglas, the former being a vice-president and being also vention poet; at that of 1883, E. P. Allen, E. B. Harvey, and A. P. Sumner; of 1884, A. P. Sumner; and at that of 1885, W. F. Angell, The Providence chapter, which is chiefly composed of members of Kappa, has had, at various ions, representatives who are not included in the foregoing list.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

ENCE OTIS WILLIAMS, A. B. '85. Phi ppa; instructor. Permanent address, npton, N. H.; present address, 31 Ham- meet, Providence, R. I.

OR PRESTON SUMNER, A. B. '85. *Liber* r. sec.; law student. 466 Broad street, ce, R. I.

THOMAS BANNING, '85. Left college year; draughtsman. 45 Westminster ovidence, R. I.

Y PRESCOTT FOLWELL, A. B. '85. Sec- tshorn prize in mathematics; studying rmanent address, Brooklyn, N. Y.; pres- ss, 749 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

WOOD FREEMAN, A. B. '85. Received cement appointment; editor of *Central ator*. Central Falls, R. I.

ORD PHETTEPLACE SEAGRAVE, A. B. l nine, and captain; class day marshal in ufacturer. 119 Benefit street, Provi- I.

IO GATES WOOD, A. B. '85. Speaker tree; traveling in Europe. 34 Mill wport, R. I.

XLIV.

AN GUNDERSON, '86. Class day mar- '85; ball nine, and captain. 35 Pitman ovidence, R. I.

JOSEPH HOOKER WARD, '86. Editor of *Brunonian* for '84, '85, '86. President of glee club; cor. sec.; vice-president of Hammer and Tongs in junior year. Middletown, R. I.

FRANCIS WAYLAND SHEPARDSON, A. B. '83. Member of the Alpha Eta; instructor. Gran- ville, O.

ARTHUR YOUNG FORD, A. B. '84. Phi Beta Kappa; member of the Epsilon; received commencement appointment; editor of *Brunonian*. Editor at Owensboro, Ky.

*LOUIS SHIEL, '86. Editor of *Brunonian*; ball nine. Died in 1884; home was Philadelphia, Penn.

XLV.

EDWARD ELISHA PIERCE, A. B. '77. Whole- sale grocer. 19 and 20 Canal street, Providence, R. I.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WILLIS, '86. Chair- man for *Liber* board for 1886; on ball nine. 38 Laycock street, Alleghany City, Penn.

HARRY FREDERICK COLWELL, '87. Leader of Symphony Society; theatrical director of Hammer and Tongs. 58 Bowen street, Provi- dence, R. I.

GEORGE HAZARD CROOKER, '87. *Liber* edi- tor for 1887; on ball nine; vice-president of Ham- mer and Tongs. 58 Benefit street, Providence, R. I.

XLVI.

CHARLES ENGS LAWTON, '86. Newport, R. I.

FRANCIS JOSEPH BELCHER, '88. 19 Slater Hall, Providence, R. I.

HUGH LECKIS CATTANNACH, '88. Angell Place, Providence, R. I.

HARRY TUCK SHERMAN, '88. Cor. sec.; glee club. Barrett House, New York, N. Y.

XLVII.

GEORGE WALLACE HUTCHINSON, '88. Ball nine; now student at Princeton. Home address, Windsor, N. J.

HENRY JOHNS RHETT, Ph. B. '85. Third

Carpenter prize in elocution; captain of foot-ball team; ball nine. With Providence Locomotive Works. 85 Benevolent street, Providence, R. I.

FREDERICK HUNTINGTON BRIGGS, '89. 449 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

ROBERT LINCOLN SPENCER, '89. Ball nine; secretary glee club. 35 Sycamore street, Providence, R. I.

CHARLES FRANCIS SMITH, '89. Jamestown, N. Y.

CHARLES AARON SAWYER, '89. Malone, N. Y.

ARTHUR FRANKLIN CLARK, '89. Ball nine. 10 Paine street, Providence, R. I.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.

[The Omega, at the University of California, Berkeley, Cal.]

The University of California is controlled by the state. Its buildings and grounds are worth a million dollars; and the productive funds amount to almost two million. The university was founded in 1868, and absorbed the College of California, which was founded in 1855. In the undergraduate department there are courses leading to degrees in arts, letters, philosophy, and science. The museums, laboratories, and libraries are extremely valuable, being conducted upon the most modern plan. In the undergraduate department there are about two hundred and fifty students, including about fifty women. There are eighteen professors and fourteen other instructors. The professional schools are in San Francisco. They are devoted to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and law, with an aggregate attendance of about two hundred and sixty. The officers of instruction in the professional schools number fifty-seven. The university will soon have an observatory with a telescope more powerful than any heretofore made, the cost to be \$700,000.

The fraternities are Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi. A chapter's membership varies from ten to twenty. Until recently there was much opposition to fraternities. The anti-fraternity law was successfully fought in the courts, and public opposition ceased four or five years ago. One of the anti-fraternity organs that were for a long while supported by students has ceased publication, and the other is no longer an anti-fraternity journal.

Omega is so remote from the main body of the fraternity that, though founded in 1879, it has been represented in only two conventions. Guy C. Earl was at the convention of 1881; and at the convention of 1884, Chas. S. Wheeler, C. H. Forbes, and Guy Wilkinson were present, Wheeler being one of the vice-presidents. When the chapter is not represented by delegates, it sends a letter or a telegram, in order that the lack of representation may not be construed to be caused by lack of interest in the fraternity. The corresponding secretaries since the convention of 1881 have been W. W. Deamer, Chas. S. Wheeler, W. Palache, C. A. Ramm, and Finlay Cook. In 1883-'84 Wheeler was chief of the district.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

STAFFORD WALLACE AUSTIN, '86. President of the day, Charter day, 1886. Hilo, Hawaii, Hawaiian Islands.

SAMUEL HUBBARD, JR., '86. Left college in 1883. Yakima, Wash. T.

ANDREW D. SCHINDLER, '83. U. S. coast survey. Berkeley, Cal.

ROBERT CHESTER TURNER, '86. Made welcome address to President Holden on behalf of students, January, 1886. 1052 Poplar street, Oakland, Cal.

EDWARD STAFFORD WARREN, '85. President junior day. Haywards, Alameda county, Cal.

XLIV.

JOHN WARREN DUTTON, '86. Left college in 1884. 1328 California street, San Francisco, Cal.

GUY WILKINSON, '86. Early English prize. Address, care of M. Carter, 61½ Broad street, Boston, Mass.

RICHARD BOLTON HELLMAN, '86. Left college in 1883. At present in Peru; former address, 1212 Geary street, San Francisco, Cal.

WHITNEY PALACHE, '87. Left college in 1885. Berkeley, Cal.

WILFRIED BELA WELLMAN, '86. Left college in 1885. Fruitvale, Alameda county, Cal.

XLV.

JOHN FRANCIS DAVIS, A. B., Harvard, '81. Took post-graduate course at University of California; law student; traveling in Europe. Home address, San Francisco, Cal.

FREDERICK CHESTER TURNER, '87. Member of base-ball nine and foot-ball team. 1420 Eighth street, Oakland, Cal.

JOHN CUSHING DOONIN, '87. Berkeley, Cal. ARTHUR JAMES THATCHER, '87. Hopland, Mendocino county, Cal.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DUTTON, '87. Left college in 1884. San Rafael, Marion county, Cal.

ROBERT THOMSON STRATTON, '87. Left college in 1884. At Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.; permanent address, East Oakland, Cal.

GEORGE MALCOLM STRATTON, '87. 461 East Twelfth street, Oakland, Cal.

XLVI.

OLIVER BRYANT ELLSWORTH, '88. Niles, Alameda county, Cal.

XLVII.

GAILLARD STONER, '88. 2410 Washington street, San Francisco, Cal.

WILLIAM INGRAHAM KIP, '88. Base-ball nine. Berkeley, Cal.

FINLAY COOK, '88. Cor. sec. 458 Bryant street, San Francisco, Cal.

WILLIAM HANNAFORD WENTWORTH, '88. Nevada City, Cal.

CHARLES JAMES EVANS, '88. Business manager *Berkeleyan*. 2207 Adeline street, Oakland, Cal.

HUGH HOWELL, '89. 669 Seventeenth street, Oakland, Cal.

CLIFFORD WEBSTER BARNES, '89. 524 Downey avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

JAMES EDGAR BEARD, '88. Napa City, Cal.

CENTRE CHAPTER.

[The Epsilon, at the Centre College of Kentucky, Danville, Ky.]

Centre College, founded in 1819, is the most important southern institution controlled by the northern Presbyterian church. The college offers two courses, a classical and a scientific. In the college department there are six professors and about one hundred students. No institution in Kentucky sends out year by year a larger class of graduates. There is also a preparatory department.

The fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and southern Kappa Alpha. The size of a chapter varies from eight to sixteen. Preparatory students are seldom admitted by any of the fraternities.

The Epsilon was founded in 1848, and has been one of the most successful chapters of Beta Theta Pi. As is the case with many other old chapters, its active membership is largely composed of the sons and brothers of former members. Since the convention of 1881 the corresponding secretaries have been H. C. Read, S. C. Jones, Lee Dunlap, S. T. Hickman, W. B. Mathews, H. L. Briggs, and W. E. Bryce. The chapter has recently had two chiefs of the district, John A. Heron in 1881-'82 and Alfred C. Downs in 1882-'83. The representatives at the convention of 1881 were B. B. Veech, G. C. Cowles, and W. H. January; at that of 1882, H. C. Read, W. B. Mathews, and G. C. Cowles; at that of 1883, B. G. Boyle; at that of 1884, B. G. Boyle, J. W. Kennedy, and J. W. Guest, Jr.; and at that of 1885, S. D. Roser and Lee Dunlap. W. H. January was song-book agent of the fraternity from 1881 to 1884, and prepared the book now in use.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

STANLEY CASS ARCHIBALD, '85. Member of the Alpha Lambda. With Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, O.

WILLIAM HARRIS BRIGGS, '85. Danville, Ky.

HARRY LEE BRIGGS, '85. Sophomore Latin prize; February oration; cor. sec. Danville, Ky.

XLIV.

WILLIAM BURGESS MATHEWS, JR., '85. Valedictory; June oration; sophomore Latin prize; cor. sec. Maysville, Ky.

SEBASTIAN CHATHAM JONES, '84. Cor. sec.; studying at Cornell University. Home, Louisville, Ky.

SAMUEL TEBBS HICKMAN, '85. Cor. sec. With Palmer, Dodge & Co., Chicago, Ill.

WASHINGTON CURRAN WHITTHORNE, '86. Columbia, Tenn.

SAMUEL DE WITT ROSER, '84. St. Louis, Mo.

LEE DUNLAP, '84. With Rice, Stix & Co., 3412 Vine st., St. Louis, Mo.

SYDNEY JOHNSTON HAYDEN, '84. Teaching in Chenault's school, Louisville, Ky.

XLV.

JAMES CROZIER COLEMAN, '86. Versailles, Ky.

HARRY Y. WHITTHORNE, '87. Columbia, Tenn.

CHARLES H. IRVINE, '87. Danville, Ky.

JAMES WELSH GUEST, JR., '84. February oration; studying medicine at University of Virginia. Danville, Ky.

XLVI.

ORVILLE TRUMAN SKILLMAN, '87. Cloverport, Ky.

EUGENE FURGESON VEST, '88. Cloverport, Ky.

GELON ROUT CRAFT, '87. Holly Springs, Miss.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BROADUS, '86. February oration. Mt. Sterling, Ky.

WILLIS SHALLCROSS MULLEN, '89. Louisville, Ky.

RICHARD GIVENS DENNY, '86. Shelby City, Ky.

OBADIAH BRUMFIELD CALDWELL, '88. Danville, Ky.

XLVII.

WILLIAM ELLSWORTH BRYCE, '86. February oration; cor. sec. Indianapolis, Ind.

CLARENCE MATHEWS, '88. Maysville, Ky.

WILLIAM COCHRAN, '89. June oration. Maysville, Ky.

JAMIE COCHRAN, '89. Maysville, Ky.

ROBERT ANDERSON WATTS, '89. 1216 Second street, Louisville, Ky.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Alpha, at Columbia College, New York, N. Y.]

Columbia College is one of the wealthiest institutions in the United States, and so, if the students in all departments are counted, one of the largest. There are one hundred and five instructors and about fourteen hundred students. The school of arts has about two hundred and fifty students; the school of political science, about seventy; the school of mines, about two hundred and fifty; the college of physicians and surgeons, about five hundred; and the law school, about three hundred and fifty. The last two are in the front rank of professional schools. The school of mines was established for the especial purpose of giving instruction in studies pertaining to mining, but other lines of work have been added, and now the courses cover almost all branches of science. It has for twenty years been the prominent undergraduate department of the college. The school of arts, founded in 1754, and for many years the only department, is now growing in favor; and it has recently been reinforced by the founding of the school of political science. Columbia has always been under Protestant Episcopal control; but the denominational bias is not noticed except in the school of arts.

In the order of original foundation the fraternities now existing are Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Phi, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, and Phi Delta Theta. A chapter's membership, counting all departments of the college, varies from fifteen to fifty. Initiations are generally confined to the arts and the mines.

The Alpha Alpha received a charter from the Chicago convention and on the 28th of October, 1881, was formally instituted. The corresponding secretaries have been W. A. Jones, Jr., Thos. B. Evans, C. B. Van Tuyl, and E. J. Lederle. W. R. Baird, one of the charter members, was chief of the district in 1881-'82. At the convention of 1883 the representatives were W. R. Baird and C. H. Doolittle, and that of 1884 O. E. Coles and E. W. Newton. From 1882 to 1885 W. R. Baird was one of the editors of the magazine, and since 1885 he has been historiographer.

XLIII.—The Founders.

WILLIAM RAIMOND BAIRD, '82 law. Chief of district; associate editor of *Beta Theta Pi*; historiographer; member of Sigma; author of *American College Fraternities*; lawyer. 243 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

WILLIAM BEEBE MIDDLETON, '83. Mines; left college 1882. 370 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

LOTHAR WASHINGTON FABER, '82. Mines. Left college 1882. With E. Faber, 812 Broadway, New York, N. Y.; permanent address, Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y.

WILLIAM ABBOTT JONES, JR., '84. Arts; studied at Gottingen; Columbia school of political science 1885; now member of '86 school of law and candidate for Ph. D. at school of political science; cor. sec. Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

HENRY MESA, '82. Mines. Left college 1881. New York, N. Y.

CLINTON BRAZIL VAN TUYL, '84. Mines. Left college 1883, returned 1884, left 1885; cor. sec. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.

CHARLES HORACE DOOLITTLE, M. E. '85. Cor. sec.; now chemist and assayer in copper and silver works. Denver, Col.

WILBUR EDGERTON SANDERS, M. E. '85. Bow oar of victorious '85 crew; now mining in Arizona. Address, Helena, Montana Territory.

XLIII.

THOMAS BROWN EVANS, '85. Mines. Cor.

sec.; left college 1884; now candidate for Ph. D. in chemistry at the University of Erlangen, Bavaria. Clifton, Cincinnati, O.

JOHN DOWNING LOGAN, '84. Arts. Left college 1883. Greenpoint, L. I., N. Y.

HOWARD HAROLD CLEVELAND, LL. B. '82. St. Paul, Minn.

XLIV.

DE LAGNEL BERIER, LL. B. '82. Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

OTWAY WILKINSON BALDWIN, LL. B., '83. A. B., University of Minnesota, 1881. Clear Lake, Minn.

CHARLES FREDERICK ACKERMAN, '83. Mines. Left college 1882. 54 Livingston street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PAUL WILCOX, LL. B. '84. Member of Delta. Practicing law in New York City.

ERNST JOSEPH LEDERLE, '86. Mines. Cor. sec.; class president in 1885. Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.

CHARLES EDWIN PARKER, '86. Mines. Member of Alpha Nu; left college 1883; Ph. C. University of Michigan, 1885. Ottawa, Kas.

FREDERICK GROVE PADDOCK, '84 law. Left college 1883. Malone, N. Y.

FREDERICK MAYHEN THOMAS, M. E. '85. Cor. sec. Skaneateles, New York.

CHARLES EDWIN CAHOONE, '86. Mines. Left college 1883; secretary and treasurer Cahoon-Voorhees manufacturing company, Newark, N. J. Frelinghuysen avenue, Newark, N. J.

XLV.

OLIVER EDWARD COLES, '84. Arts. Degrees of Ph. B. and A. B.; now a member of '87 law. P. O. box 262, Jersey City, N. J.

WILLIAM PAUL WILCOX, M. D. '83. Omaha, Neb.

EDWARD HERMAN BARNUM, '86. Mines. Left college 1883. 458 Pacific street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

EDWARD COHEN, A. B. '84. 305 Lexington avenue, New York, N. Y.

EDGAR STORM APPLEBY, A. B. '84. Member of '86 law. 216 W. Fifty-ninth street, New York, N. Y.

XLVI.

FREDERICK ANTHONY BRISTOL, '87. Mines. Left college 1885. Room 23, Mannheimer Block, St. Paul, Minn.

EBEN W. NEWTON, A. B. '84. New York, N. Y.

HARRY GILBERT DARWIN, '87. Mines. Glen Ridge, N. J.

DANIEL CORY ADAMS, '87. Mines. North Plainfield, N. J.

JAMES LINCOLN HURD, '88. Mines. Dover, N. J.

XLVII.

FRANCIS ROLLIN PERCIVAL, '86, med. Member of Beta Alpha. 89 Lexington avenue, New York, N. Y.

RUSH CLARK LAKE, '85 law. Member of Alpha Beta. Independence, Iowa.

JAMES ISHAM GILBERT, LL. B. '85. Member of Alpha Beta. Burlington, Iowa.

SAMUEL EDSON GAGE, '87. Mines. On bicycle team for intercollegiate games. Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.

JOHN ERICSSON CLUTE, '86 med. Member of Nu. Schenectady, N. Y.

WILLIAM THOMAS PARTRIDGE, '88. Mines. Artist-in-chief of *Miner*. Washington, D. C.

CORNELL CHAPTER.

[The Beta Delta, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.]

It has about sixty instructors and six hundred students. The studies are elective. A majority of the students are candidates for degrees in arts or philosophy or science; but there are over two hundred in the courses in architecture, engineering, and agriculture. The university was incorporated in 1865 and opened

It is not a sectarian institution; and it is not in any strict sense a state institution. New York's share of the congressional land grant for agricultural colleges is the principal part of the university's support, and the governor and other public men who have seats as trustees are the minority of that board. The university is one of the finest in the United States. Its chief beauties are its walks, its lawns, and trees, and the view over Lake Cayuga.

The order of original foundation the fraternities are Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Phi, Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, and Psi Upsilon. Each chapter has from twenty-six members. Almost every chapter owns or rents a house.

Beta Delta was founded in 1874. It rents a chapter house. The usual membership is fifteen. The recent corresponding secretaries were F. E. Wilcox, H. C. H. L. Shively, J. T. Sackett, G. F. Saal, and Theodore Miller. Saal is now in the district. The chapter was represented at the convention of 1881 by H. C. H. L. Shively; at that of 1882 by H. C. Elmer and H. F. Ehrman; at that of 1883 by Percival, F. E. Wilcox, and A. A. Alling; at that of 1884 by G. F. Saal and Sackett; and at that of 1885 by G. F. Saal.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIV.

AS CORMODY, JR., '82. Lawyer. Bel-Y.

ES LOCKE CURTIS, A. B. '83. Editor *Sun*; now with *Toledo Blade*. Toledo, O.
ER FRANCIS HAMP, '85. South Pueblo,

RT CHARLES ELMER, A. B. '83. Orator; Phi Beta Kappa; major C. U. 3; junior president; cor. sec.; M. A. Perkins and member of Alpha Chi; studied at Leipzig and Bonn. Permanent address, Rushford, N. Y.; temporary address, Perkins University, Baltimore, Md.

ICK JOSEPH CASEY, '82. *Cornellian* ed August 1883. Binghamton N. Y.

PERCY INGALLS, '84, Salem, Mass.

WARREN SHELDON, '86. 265 Garden broken, N. J.

THOMSON SACKETT, '86. Business *Cornell Sun*, '85-'86. Memorial orator. sec. 477 Greene avenue, Brooklyn,

R THEODORE EMORY, '86. University '83-'84; glee club. Unadilla, N. Y.

LD MAGUIRE, B. S. '84. Seward, N. Y.

XLV.

LEONARD SOUTHWICK, Ph. B. '83. *Sun* '82-'83; senior class prophet. Bomen,

OVEJOY PRATT, JR., B. L. '83. Editor *Sun* '82-'83; memorial orator senior class; Kappa. Buskirk's Bridge, N. Y.

WISNER CARPENTER, B. C. E. '84. at address, Owego, N. Y.; temporary Morris Docks, New York, N. Y.

ROLLIN PERCIVAL, '86. Now at Col-

lege of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. Permanent address, Summers, Ct.; temporary address, 97 Lexington avenue, New York, N. Y.

HARRY LAWRENCE SHIVELY, B. S. '84. Business manager *Cornell Sun* '83-'84; mid-course honors in French and German; final honors in German. Los Angeles, Cal.

CHARLES DAVID WHITE, '86. Editor *Cornell Sun* '84; editor *Cornell Review* '85; editor *Cornellian*; instructor in free-hand drawing at Cornell University '84-'86. Marion, N. Y.

FRANK ALVAH CONVERSE, '86. President of Cornell University Agricultural Association '84. Woodville, N. Y.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON VAN VRANKEN, Ph. B. '85. Transferred from Nu; editor *Cornell Daily Sun*. Lisha's Kill, N. Y.

ARTHUR CECIL COPELAND. Post-graduate in veterinary science; transferred from Alpha Psi. Monroe, Wis.

GEORGE FREDERIC SAAL, '87. Cor. sec.; chief district. 40 Ontario street, Cleveland, O.

CHARLES BALDWIN HAGADORNE, '86. Pitcher ball-nine; West Point cadet '85. Temporary address, West Point, N. Y.; permanent address, 128 E. Genung Place, Elmira, N. Y.

EDGAR BOYD MCCONNELL, '87. Logansport Ind.

THOMAS WILBUR TOMLINSON, '87. Permanent address, Logansport, Ind.; temporary address, 2 Old Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Ill.

XLVI.

ARTHUR HASTINGS GRANT, '87. President C. U. Christian Association '86. 132 East Twenty-fourth street, New York, N. Y.

JOHN JUDSON ASPINWALL, '87. 141 Seventh street, Buffalo, N. Y.

WILLIAM MASON HARRIS, '87. Permanent

address, Owego, N. Y.; present address, Binghamton, N. Y.

WILLIAM PARKER CUTLER, '88. Washington, D. C.

CHARLES SUMNER FOWLER, '88. Gouverneur, N. Y.

GEORGE HARRY GIBSON, '88. Peoria, Ill.

FREDERICK MARSHALL STAUNTON, '88. Charleston, Kanawha county, W. Va.

WILLIAM HENRY PFAU, '88. Hamilton, O.

THEODORE MILLER, '88. Editor *Cornell Sun* '85-'86; cor. sec. Antwerp, N. Y.

SEBASTIAN CHATHAM JONES, '87. Member of Epsilon. Aurora, N. Y.

XLVII.

HENRY H. HUMPHREY, A. B. Ohio Uni-

versity, '84; transferred from Beta Kappa. Coolville, Athens county, O.

HENRY GOLDSMITH DIMON, '87. Ball nine '85-'86. Riverhead, L. I., N. Y.

JOHN HURD DROWN, '89. 1507 Fifth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

ALBERT HENRY WASHBURN, '89. Middleboro, Mass.

WILLIAM LOWREY COOLING, '88. Wilmington, Del.

MILO FREEMAN WEBSTER, '88. Victor, Ontario county, N. Y.

XLVIII.

FRED WELLES HARGREAVES, '89. Wappinger's Falls, N. Y.

GEORGE BRAYTON PENNEY, '89. Ottawa, Ill.

CUMBERLAND CHAPTER.

[The Mu, at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.]

2, the date of its foundation, to 1861, Cumberland was one of the most universities in the south. The civil war crippled it in many respects, but important institution, for its law school still attracts students from all of states, and its theological school is still the only one belonging to the Presbyterian church. The college department is not large, but it is of

The average attendance upon the several departments is as follows: y; law school, fifty; theological school, thirty-five. In these three there are fourteen professors. There is also a preparatory department. civil war, almost every important fraternity was represented by a chap- here are only Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

was founded in 1854. Its membership comes largely from the professional varies from fifteen to twenty-five. The recent corresponding secretaries C. Harris, R. W. McDonald, J. W. Caldwell, and Hallett Harding The ived several dispensations allowing it to elect and initiate Vanderbilt d the members thus initiated will be found in the Vanderbilt roll.

mitted since August, 1881.

XLVI.

XLIV.

OSLEY HARRIS, '83 law. Mem- a Beta. Ripley, Mississippi.

DEY ATKINSON, '83 law. Grad- sity of Tennessee. Union, Oregon.

EMMET PATE, '83. Editor of er. Memphis, Tennessee.

IOLT CARRIGAN, JR., '83 law. nsas Ind. University, 1882. Arkansas.

INCKNEY HILL, '83 law. Grad- shall in 1877, with gold medal. as.

RYAN HOUSTON, '83 law. San is.

EDON McDONNOLD, '86. Lebanon,

ELIN FOWLKES, '83 law. Baker-

PENCE, '83 law. Austin, Texas.

CLAIR RADFORD, '83 law. Ky.

CHRISTIE MICKLE, '83 law. at Bethel College in 1879. Fulton,

PLETON, '83 law. Winsborough,

. GREEN, '86. Springfield, Ky.

R. HODGES, '84 theo. Member cron. Salado, Tex.

HYDE PARKER, '83 law. Knox-

UMMERFIELD DICKEY, '83 law.

edictorian at Hiwassee College in vater, Monroe county, Tenn.

HENDERSON COOPER, '83 law. rison county, Tex.

XLV.

IARD WELBOURNE LEWIS, '85 S. University of Tennessee, '82. Tex.

IS GOLLIDAY. Member of Mis- ature.

MAN. Lebanon, Tenn.

JOSEPH WEISEGER CALDWELL, '86 theo. Ex-editor and business manager of *Student*; was a member of Epsilon. Danville, Ky.

JAMES HENRY MILLER, '86 theology. Ed- itor-in-chief of *Student*; was a member of Alpha Omicron. Da Villa, Tex.

WINSTEAD PAINE BONE, '86 theology. Business manager of *Student*; was a member of Alpha Omicron. La Rissa, Tex.

JEROME BODTSFORD KERR, '85 theology. Transferred from Alpha Omicron. McKinney, Tex.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, '85 law. Was a member of Beta Beta; member of Legis- lature of Mississippi. Brandon, Miss.

ERNEST WILLIAM STEWART, '85 law. Vaden, Miss.

ALBERT DAVIS MARKS, '85 law. Practic- ing law at Winchester, Tenn.

SAMUEL RICHARD PACE. Irregular course. Marrowbone, Ky.

OSCAR LEE STRIBLING, '85 law. Practic- ing law at Tupelo, Miss.

JAMES WHITE HANDLEY, '85. M. D., Van- derbilt, 1886. Nashville, Tenn.

GEORGE BEATTY WARD, '87. Birmingham, Ala.

JOHN SAM OWSLEY, JR., '87. Stanford, Ky.

BROUSSAIS COMAN, LL. B. '85. Practicing law at Athens, Ala.

FRANK GORDON BRIDGES, '85. New Middle- town, Tenn.

REV. WILLIAM DOWNY BLAIR, '85. Hender- son, Ky.

JAMES SHANNON BUCHANNAN, '85. Teaching at Harpeth, Tenn.

HARRY JAMES BONE, '85 law. Practicing law at Wellington, Kas.

REV. JEFFERSON RUSSELL CRAWFORD, '85. Marrowbone, Ky.

XLVII.

WILLIAM LEE MCCUTCHEN, '87. Pilot Grove, Mo.

CURRY KIRKPATRICK, '87. Associate editor of *Student*; Lebanon, Tenn.

ISAAC WILLIAM PLEASANT BUCHANAN, '85.
Teaching near Lebanon, Tenn.

JOHN CREMER RITTER, '86 theology. Ken-
drick's Creek, Tenn.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON BAKER, '86 law.
Practicing law at Cuero, Tex.

ROBERT ALEXANDER CODY, '86 theology.
Editor *Student*. Withe, Tenn.

WILLIAM TAYLOR WATSON, '86 law.
Weatherford, Tex.

HALLETT HARDING, '87. Fort Worth, Tex.

JAMES WALTER BRANNUM, '86 law. N. E.
corner Eighth and Main streets, Kansas City,
Mo.

HARRY MANEY DRIFOOS, '86 law. Nash-
ville, Tenn.

WILLIAM HAWES EPPS, '86 law. Hawes
Cross Roads, Tenn.

ROBERT BONE WILLIAMS, '87. Delegate
from Amasagassean Society to Tennessee inter-
collegiate oratorical contest. Henderson's Cross
Roads, Tenn.

NATHAN WALLER, '89. Selma, Ala.

ORVILLE TRUMAN STONE, '87. Tremont
Miss.

XLVIII.

WILLIAM HENRY MARTIN, '87 law. Las
Casas, Tenn.

EDWARD EVERETT SNEED, '87 law. Mil-
ton, Tenn.

JUNIUS WILDIN BECK, '87. Smithysgrove,
Ky.

GEORGE BECKER KILPATRICK. Lebanon.
Tenn.

JOHN HOWELL NOBLE, Anniston, Ala.

DENISON CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Eta, at Denison University, Granville, O.]

on University, founded in 1831, is the only Baptist college in Ohio. It com- college department and a preparatory department. In the college there are nstructors and about eighty students. Degrees are given in arts, philosophy, nce; but the classical course of prescribed studies are still the favorite. Women admitted.

aternities are Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Gamma Delta. The membership is ten. Preparatory students are not initiated.

Alpha Eta was founded in 1868 and has contributed many energetic workers Theta Pi. Chas. J. Seaman, of this chapter, was for several years the agent or of the song book and was the editor of the catalogue of 1881. He was also f founder of the Wooglin club house on Chautauqua Lake. Chas. H. Carey ef of the district in 1881-'82. W. C. Sprague was an editor of the magazine '83 and 1885-'86. F. W. Shepardson has been an editor of the magazine '83 to the present time. He has published a history of the chapter. The

corresponding secretaries have been F. W. Shepardson, W. C. Sheppard, Owen, and E. H. Castle. At conventions there have been the following itatives: 1881, W. C. Sprague and J. J. Robinson; 1882, F. W. Shepardson, Shepard, F. M. Stalker, W. C. Sprague, H. L. Jones, and G. Ellison, the first n was secretary; 1883, C. J. Seaman.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

AM COLLINS SHEPPARD, '84. Captain on Cadets; editor *Collegian*, *Adytum*, *ement Daily*; cor. sec.; graduated A. University of Rochester; principal Han- io, public schools, 1883-4; principal n public schools, 1885-6. Present ad- hnstown, Ohio; permanent address, Ohio.

TT ELLISON, '85. No. 9 East Ninth nsas City, Mo.

XLIV.

RT LYON JONES, '86. Publisher *Col- ebater Franklin Society Annual*. Gran- o.

ES SILVEY SPRAGUE, '86. Cor. sec.; eliminary contest, '84; secretary D. U. il Association, 1884-5; captain Gymna- ocation, '85; editor *Collegian* and *Den- ekly News*; president Reading Room ure Association; on Franklin Annual, Connellsville, O.

ES WOOD EBERLEIN, '86. McConnells-

WILBUR BROWNELL, '86. Five prizes , 1883; debater Franklin Annual; now law. Permanent address, McConnells- o; present address, 25 German American ck, St. Paul, Minn.

XLV.

ELLSWORTH KITCHEN, '86. Debater commencement, '83. Attending Uni- f Denver, Denver, Col.

LUTHER WILKIN, '86. Read the les " at class reception, 1883. Toledo,

ES GRANT RANK, '86. "Address of : " freshman reception, 1883. Ticket B. & O. R. R. at Newark, O.

WILLIAM BISHOP OWEN, '87. Orator Frank- lin commencement, '85; editor *Collegian*; cor. sec. Granville, O.

HENRY DWIGHT HERVEY, '88. Granville, O.

BURTON BANKS TUTTLE. Prize essay; city editor Brantford daily paper. Brantford, Ont.

DANIEL SHEPARDSON, JR., '88. Debater Franklin Extra, '84. Address, Granville, Lick- ing county, O.

XLVI.

HENRY MARTYN CARTER, '86. Assistant in chemical laboratory; now at Boston School of Technology. Present address, 295 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass.; home address, Granville, O.

EDWARD HOWARD CASTLE, '88. Debater Franklin Extra, '84. Cor. sec. Alexandria, O.

WILLIAM CLEMENT SHAFER, '88. De- clarer Franklin Extra, '84. Present address, Kingwood, W. Va.; permanent address, Parkers- burg, W. Va.

HOWARD COPLAND, '88. Now at University of Montana, Deer Lodge, Montana.

XLVII.

GORMAN JONES, '89. West Jefferson, O.

WILLIAM HENRY DAVIES, '89. North-east corner Sixth and Harrison, Topeka, Kas.

WILLIAM ERNEST CASTLE, '89. Alexandria, O.

EVAN G. EVANS, '89. "Crescent" Franklin Extra, '85. Granville, O.

RALPH PARSONS SMITH, '88. Poet Franklin commencement, '85. Granville, O.

HARRY JAY KENDIG, '86. Second at ora- torical contest, 1886. Hayesville, O.

EDMUND A. WILLIAMS, '89. Debater Frank- lin Extra, '85. Granville, O.

JAMES STANLEY BROWN, '89. Declaimer Calliopean Extra, '85. High Hill, O.

DE PAUW CHAPTER.

[The Delta, at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.]

De Pauw University was founded in 1837, and until 1884 was known as Indiana Asbury University. Schools of theology, law, music, fine arts, pedagogics, military science, and horticulture have recently been established. The university was recently endowed by W. C. De Pauw, and \$84,000 have been expended on grounds, buildings, and apparatus. The college department has four courses of study and is called the Asbury college of liberal arts. The college has thirteen instructors and about two hundred and fifty students. There is also a preparatory department. Women are admitted to all departments. Tuition is practically free. The aggregate number of students in all departments is six hundred and eighty.

The fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau Delta. The membership varies from fifteen to twenty-five. Excepting Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, all of the fraternities initiate preparatory students. The fraternities are addicted to combinations.

The Delta was founded in 1845 and has always been one of our principal chapters. Edwin H. Terrell, of this chapter, was one of the editors of the catalogue of 1881 and was also one of the founders of the Wooglin club. He was president of the convention of 1884. Frank M. Joyce has for several years been the business manager of the fraternity magazine; and E. L. Martin was one of the business managers 1883-'84. A. N. Grant was chief of the district in 1881-'82 and 1882-'83, and J. G. Campbell was chief in 1885-'86. The recent corresponding secretaries have been W. Iglehart, C. W. Bennett, J. G. Campbell, and M. E. Hector. The representatives at recent conventions were, in 1881, F. M. Joyce, C. S. Olcott, and Will Iglehart; in 1882, C. L. Urmston, G. B. Moore, E. L. Martin; in 1883 Worth Merritt; in 1884, J. E. Durham and E. H. Terrell; in 1885, J. G. Campbell, F. M. Joyce, and Will Igleheart.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

JESSE WAKEFIELD RUCKER, A. B. '84. Second lieutenant in cadet corps; commencement speaker; now studying medicine. Greensburg, Ind.

ARTHUR THAYER, '84. Went to West Point Military Academy in '82. Permanent address, Evansville, Ind.; temporary address, West Point, N. Y.

XLIV.

SAMUEL MORELY RUTHERFORD, Ph. B. '85. Instructor in preparatory department in '84; now principal of Thorntown high school. Permanent address, Moorefield, Ind.; temporary address, Thorntown, Ind.

WILLIAM HENRY MASTERS, A. B. '85. Second and first class honors in *belles lettres* and history; now assistant principal of Lebanon high school. Permanent address, Thorntown, Ind.; temporary, Lebanon, Ind.

WILLIAM RANSALL GOODWIN, A. B. '83. Second class honors in modern languages; inter-society debater; commencement speaker. Former address, Bloomington, Ill.; now traveling agent for *Stockbreeders' Gazette*; address, Chicago, Ill.

LOUIS EZRA LATHROP, '85. Left college in '83; now assistant cashier of Citizens National Bank, Greensburg, Ind.

*CLARENCE CUMBACK, '86. Cloud prize; died October, 1883, at his home. Greensburg, Ind.

FRANK TERRILL LODGE, A. B. '84. Trustee

of Philologian Literary Society and reply orator for same in 1883; orator for undergraduates on "Founders and Benefactors Day," January 16th, '84; in charge of German classes during absence of regular professor in '84; second and first class honors; adjutant and captain in cadet corps; class editor for three years after graduation; commencement speaker; lawyer. Detroit, Mich.

JAMES GARLAND CAMPBELL, '86. Second and first class honors in *belles lettres* and history; local editor *De Pauw Monthly*; trustee of Platonian Literary Society; captain in cadet corps; instructor in penmanship in preparatory department '83; cor. sec.; chief. Battle Ground, Ind.

XLV.

WIRT CORDRY SMITH, '87. Tutor in Latin; second and first class honors in Latin. Indianapolis, Ind.

MARK EUGENE HECTOR, '87. Business manager of the *Mirage*; first lieutenant in cadet corps; cor. sec. Richmond, Ind.

ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM, '87. Tutor in Latin; second class honors in Latin; first lieutenant in cadet corps; chief of battery A. Richmond, Ind.

WILLIAM ORVILLE SHEPHERD, A. B. '85. Greek prize; pursuing post-graduate studies at Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.

CLEMENT MILTON ZELLAR, '87. Knights-ville, Ind.

XLVI.

*CHARLES WALTER NIEDRINGHAUS, '88. St. Louis, Missouri. Died January, 1886.

JAMES BENTLY TUCKER, '86. Initiated at

Salem, Ind.; temporary address, Green-Ind.

IE PERRY GULICK, '87. Second lieutenant in cadet corps; trustee of Platonian Literary Club. Rantoul, Ill.

PHILLIPS REASONER, '88. Instructor of geography, '84; now teaching; will be in college next year. Cerro Gordo, Ill.

LIAM SAMUEL SCOTT, '88. Left college. Greencastle, Ind.

WARD MCELROY, '87. Teaching at Alvin, permanent address, Rossville, Ill.

HELPS BICKFORD, '88. Niles, Mich.

RGE HOWARD MURPHY, '88. Second lieutenant in cadet corps; class historian. Permanent address, Greencastle, Ind.

XLVII.

LIAM LINCOLN HESTER, '87. Initiated at New Albany, Ind.

HARRY BOWSER, '88. Second lieutenant and ranking man of his class in the cadet corps. Indianapolis, Ind.

JOHN LEE BENEDICT, '87. Second lieutenant in cadet corps. Rantoul, Ill.

CHARLES POST BENEDICT, '89. First sergeant and ranking man of his class in cadet corps. Rantoul, Ill.

ISAAC JARVIS HAMMOND, '89. Greencastle, Ind.

JOHN FREDERICK CLEARWATERS, '89. Throntown, Ind.

XLVIII.

FRANK PERRY IRVIN, '86. Initiated at Theta. Piqua, O.

FRANK THEODORE PENNINGTON, '86. Initiated at Theta. Tiffin, O.

SQUIRE ROBINSON GREER, '86. Initiated at Theta. Oxford, O.

DICKINSON CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Sigma, at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.]

Dickinson was founded in 1783. It was originally a Presbyterian institution, but long ago it passed into the hands of the Methodist Episcopal church. Women have recently been admitted. In the college department there are eight professors and about one hundred students. There is also a preparatory school.

The fraternities are Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Delta Theta. Membership varies from six to twenty.

The Alpha Sigma has had an excellent record ever since its founding in 1874; but this sketch can not go back farther than four or five years. In 1881-'82 it had a junior contest medal and an editor of the college paper; in 1882-'83, first honor and valedictory, third honor, class historian, and also the first freshman honor; in 1883-'84, first honor in the junior class and also in the sophomore class, and two editors of the college paper; 1884-'85, second honor and salutatory, freshman prize in English, and an editor of the college paper. In 1881, and again in 1882, the chapter published a college annual, the *Minutal*. The chapter usually numbers only about eight men. It does not admit preparatory students until after they have passed their entrance examination. The recent corresponding secretaries have been L. T. Appold, F. G. Graham, F. T. Baker, and F. M. Welsh. Baker was chief of the district in 1884-'85, and Welsh in 1885-'86.

[Admitted since August, 1881.]

XLIII.

DAVID BROWN, '85. Editor *Dickinsonian*; anniversarian Union Philosophical Society; on base-ball nine. Philadelphia, Pa.

FRANK GORDON GRAHAM, A. B. '83. Third honor; editor *Dickinsonian*; on base-ball nine; with *Kansas City Times*. Kansas City, Mo.

GEORGE FRANCIS PETTINOS, '85. At Lehigh University; editor *Lehigh Annual*. Permanent address, Carlisle, Pa.; temporary address, Bethlehem, Pa.

ELBERT WILLIAMS OSBORN, '85. Niagara Falls, N. Y.

XLIV.

JOHN ULMSTEAD DETRICK, '85. On foot-ball and base-ball teams. 108 S. Charles street, Baltimore, Md.

JOHN FRANKLIN REIGART, '86. Led freshman and sophomore classes; teaching. North Hope, Pa.

FRANK THOMAS BAKER, A. B. '85. Salutatorian and second honor; editor *Dickinsonian*; on base-ball nine; cor. sec.; chief district III.; teaching. Mount Holly, N. Y.

XLV.

CHARLES EARL BIKLE, '86. Third in junior class; on base-ball nine. Hagerstown, Md.

WILLARD GEOFFREY LAKE, '87. Editor *College Annual*; captain of foot-ball eleven; on base-ball nine; conductor of Philharmonic Society. Seabright, N. J.

XLVI.

FRANKLIN MOORE WELSH, '88. Freshman prize in English; cor. sec.; chief district III. Philadelphia, Pa.

LEWIS ADAMS PARSELS, '89. On foot-ball eleven. South Dennis, N. J.

GERALD WOOD CRANE SMOOT. Tompkinsville, Charles county, Md.

WILLIAM BLAIR STEWART, '87. Editor of *College Annual*, but resigned. Newville, Pa.

JOSEPH CASTLE REYNOLDS, '88. Class historian. 1127 Green street, Philadelphia, Pa.

XLVII.

ALBERT E. MEILY, '89. Harrisburg, Pa.

JOHN ROBINSON TODD, '87. Graduate of Drew Theological Seminary; editor *College Annual*. Snow Hill, Md.

XLVIII.

ALBERT DUNCAN YOCUM, '89. Everett, Pa.

HAMPDEN SIDNEY CHAPTER.

[The Zeta, at Hampden Sidney College, Hampden Sidney College P. O., Va.]

college is a Presbyterian institution that was established in 1776. There are professors and about one hundred and twenty-five students. Almost all of the students take the classical course of prescribed studies. Women are not admitted. A normal school and a preparatory school are in the immediate neighborhood and connected in sympathy with the college.

The Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, and Kappa Alpha are the fraternities, with an average membership of twelve.

The Zeta was founded in 1850 and is our oldest chapter in Virginia. The recent presidents and secretaries have been A. D. Drew, W. D. Spurlin, C. L. Stribling, W. Holladay, J. D. Eggleston, Jr., H. C. V. Campbell, and W. A. Watson. W. C. Stribling, of Zeta, was chief of the district in 1882-'83. At the convention of 1881, the chapter was represented by G. J. Ramsay; at that of 1882, by W. C. White; and at that of 1884, by C. C. Lewis, H. C. V. Campbell, and A. C. Finley.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIH.

CHARLES RIDDLE STRIBLING, A. B., '84. Lewisburg, W. Va.

WILLIS HENRY BOBOCK, A. B., '84. Sophomore medal of Phip. Society; divided first in 1884; University of Virginia, 1884-'85. Hampden Sidney College, Va.

XLIV.

JOSEPH DUPUY EGGLESTON, JR., '86. Cor. delivered senior medal, 1886. Hampden Sidney College, Va.

JOHN BOOKER FINLEY, '84. Senior medalist of Phip. Society; editor of *Hampden Sidney Magazine*; teaching. Present address, Mossy Branch, Va.; permanent address, Romney, W. Va.

XLV.

WILLIAM BRODNAX HOPKINS, '86. Charles County, W. Va.

JOHN EDWARD LEE BLANTON, '86. Senior of Union Society. Farmville, Va.

CHARLES CAMERON LEWIS, JR., '87. Charles County, W. Va.

JOSEPH CLAY VAN METRE CAMPBELL, '86. Former editor-in-chief of *Hampden Sidney Magazine* in 1885; cor. sec.; chief. Gerardsburg, W. Va.

JOSEPH READ MCILWAINE, A. B., '85. Former editor-in-chief of *Hampden Sidney Magazine*, 1885; teaching at Lewisburg, W. Va. Present address, Petersburg, Pa.

XLVI.

THOMAS THWEATT JONES, '87. San Marino, Va.

HUGH AUGUSTUS WHITE, '86. Editor and manager *Magazine* in 1885, and business manager in 1886; commencement orator Phip. Society 1885; senior orator, 1886. Moorefield, W. Va.

WILLIAM HENRY WILSON, '87. Editor and manager *Magazine* in 1886; commencement orator Phip. Society, 1886. Hampden Sidney College, Va.

DANIEL SEPTIMUS EVANS, JR., '88. Concord Depot, Va.

ROBERT ASHLIN WHITE, '87. Moorefield, W. Va.

CHARLES HOWES HAMMOND, '88. 384 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

ABNER CRUMP HOPKINS, JR., '87. Charles-town, Jefferson county, W. Va.

WALTER ALLEN WATSON, '87. Editor and manager *Magazine* in 1885; commencement orator Phip. Society, 1886; cor. sec. Jennings' Ordinary, Nottoway county, Va.

JAMES MAXWELL STRIBLING, '88. Martinsburg, W. Va.

XLVII.

JAMES POAGUE EPES, '88. Blackstone, Va.

ANGUS ROBERTSON SHAW. Student in the Union Theological Seminary. Hampden Sidney College, Va.

HANOVER CHAPTER.

(The Iota, at Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.)

Hanover was founded in 1833 and is controlled by the Presbyterians. Women are admitted. In the college department there are six professors and about ninety students. There is also a preparatory department.

The fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta. A chapter commonly numbers about ten members.

The Iota dates from 1853. The recent corresponding secretaries have been R. E. Schuh, G. W. Wyatt, G. W. Giboney, D. C. Blyth, J. W. Robbins, and J. E. Abrams. Robbins was chief of the district in 1884-'85. At the convention of 1881 the representatives were E. E. Silliman, L. J. Duncan, and Rev. E. J. Brown; and at that of 1882, Rev. E. J. Brown, J. B. Tucker, and R. E. Schuh.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

JAMES BENTLY TUCKER, '85. Now at De Pauw University. Home, Salem, Ind.

VIRGIL EMMET TUCKER, '86. Insurance agent. Omaha, Neb.

SMITH O'NEAL, '86. Teacher. Permanent address, Carrollton, Ky.

REV. WILLIAM BELL RILEY, A. B. '85. Associate editor *Hanover Monthly*; pastor Baptist churches at Warsaw and Carrollton, Ky., since June, '85; now student at Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Present address, Waverly Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

XLV.

THOMAS REED BRIDGES, '87. Carrollton, Ky.

XLVI.

JAMES ELVA ABRAMS, '87. Moscow, O.

RICHARD FRANCIS EVANS, '86. Laconia, Ind.

ORLANDO BRONSON RILEY, '87. Student Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 1884-'85. New Liberty, Ky.

OSCAR SNYDER WILSON, '88. Swanville, Ind.

WINFIELD SCOTT SMITH, '88. Vincennes, Ind.

JUNIUS COSTON CLEMMONS, '88. Hanover, Ind.

XLVII.

JOHN WESLEY ROWLETT, '89. Bedford, Ky.

ROBERT MATTHEW DILLON, '89. Madison, Ind.

WALTER LEVI RILEY, '89. New Liberty, Ky.

HARVARD CHAPTER.

[The Eta, at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.]

Harvard University comprises the college, the scientific school, the divinity school, the law school, the medical school, the dental school, the school of agriculture and horticulture, several museums and laboratories, the observatory, the library, and the graduate department. The total number of instructors is about two hundred. In the college there are about one thousand students, all candidates for A. B. There are usually five or six hundred students in the other departments. In the college the course after freshman year is wholly elective, and the practice of the more careful students is to devote their last two years almost wholly to some special line of study. There are good opportunities for advanced work in almost any branch: for example, each of the following subjects has from ten to twenty electives—Greek, Latin, French, German, Philosophy, History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Natural History; and besides there are courses in many other subjects. In all departments of the university text-books are used comparatively little, and great stress is laid upon original research.

There are chapters of Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Upsilon. These are named in the order of original foundation; but no one of them has had a continuous existence. Many of the members of the fraternities are also members of a sophomore club familiarly called the Dickey, which many years ago was a chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The Eta was founded in 1843 and was revived in 1880. The recent corresponding secretaries have been H. W. Winkley, E. L. Underwood, W. M. McInnes, M. W. Fredrick, A. R. Baum, and Walter Alexander. McInnes was chief of the district in 1883-'84. The representatives at the convention of 1881 were Eugene Wambaugh and Chambers Baird, Jr.; at that of 1882, the same; at that of 1883, A. de R. McNair, E. Wambaugh, Howard Lilienthal, and H. W. Winkley; at that of 1884, E. Wambaugh and C. Baird, Jr.; and at that of 1885, C. Baird, Jr. Baird and Wambaugh have been editors of the BETA THETA PI, and the latter was general secretary from 1881 to 1884. Hon. Peleg Emory Aldrich, one of the founders, is a member of the board of directors.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WILLIAM HALL WILLIAMS, '83. Melrose, Mass.

XLIV.

WILLIAM MORROW MCINNES, '85. Cor. sec. and chief. 1 Akron street, Boston, Mass.

BARTOW BEE RAMAGE, '84. Came from Alpha Chi. Newberry, S. C.

XLV.

FREDERIC CLARK HOOD, '86. 31 Crescent avenue, Chelsea, Mass.

EDWARD STAPLES DROWN, '84. Newburyport, Mass.

JOHN BENSON JENKINS, '85 law. From Alpha Kappa and Omicron. Norfolk, Va.

XLVI.

GILBERT NORRIS JONES, '84. Phi Beta Kappa. Bangor, Me.

EDWARD EVERETT BLODGETT, '87. 397 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

ALEXANDER ROBERT BAUM, '87. Cor. sec. 1705 Powell street, San Francisco, Cal.

WALTER ALEXANDER, '87. Cor. sec. St Charles, Mo.

HERBERT TUFTS ALLEN, '86. Catcher university base-ball nine. Corner Boston and Washington streets, Somerville, Mass.

EDWIN JOSEPH MILKS, '87. 50 East Eighty-first street, New York, N. Y.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CHAPTER.

[The Pi, at Indiana University, Bloomington Ind.]

The Indiana University belongs to the state. In the college department there are usually about one hundred and sixty students. Degrees are conferred in arts, letters, philosophy, and science. During the latter half of the course the studies are largely elective. There are eighteen instructors. Besides the college, there is a preparatory department, with about one hundred students. Women are admitted to both departments.

Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Phi Gamma Delta are the fraternities. Preparatory students are admitted. Chapters average seventeen members. The various fraternities and the non-fraternity men are constantly forming combinations.

Since the convention of 1881 the corresponding secretaries of the Pi have been G. W. Cromer, A. D. Moffet, A. C. Patton, N. L. Bunnell, and F. W. Walters. F. C. Davis, O. P. Erskine, and J. L. Mackey were the representatives at the convention of 1881; A. D. Moffet at that of 1882; and A. C. Patton at those of 1883 and 1884. The chapter is usually much smaller than its rivals, seldom exceeding twelve members. It was founded in 1845.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

FRANK HOWARD HUGHES, '85. Bloomington, Ind.

MELVILLE GRESHARDT ESHMAN, '84. Los Angeles, Cal.

HERMAN CARR, '85. Columbus, Ind.

ELMER ELSWORTH MULLINX, '85. Cloverdale, Ind.

CLARENCE MILTON PARKS, '85. Studying medicine at Cincinnati. Sullivan, Ind.

ORRIS EVERETT MULLINX, '88. Cloverdale, Ind.

WADE HAMPTON GALLOWAY, '86. Gosport, Ind.

XLIV.

JOSEPH WRIGHT WHARTON. 965 North Mississippi street, Indianapolis, Ind.

ADAM CARL PATTON, '84. Law student. Greeley, Col.

MORTON LAUGE GOULD, '84. 426 North Fifth street, Terre Haute, Ind.

VIRGIL E. TUCKER, '86. New Philadelphia, Ind.

ALBERT RABB, '87. Second on civil service contest; captain and catcher of college ball nine; president of Oratorical Association and business manager of *Student*. Snoddy's Mills, Ind.

HOWARD D. MAXWELL, '86. Now at Wash College. Rockville, Ind.

XLV.

WILLIAM LINCOLN HESTER, '87. Now at De Pauw. New Albany, Ind.

CHARLES HENRY OLER, '87. Economy, Ind.
NEWTON LOMER BUNNELL, '87. Teaching. Green's Fork, Ind.

XLVI.

HOMER LEONARD, '87. Smithville, Ind.

FRANCIS MARION WALTERS, '87. Greensburg, Ind.

ALBERT MILLER, '88. Bloomington, Ind.

ROBERT FOSTER HIGHT, '88. Bloomington, Ind.

WALTER DUNN HOWE, '90. Ft. Snelling, Minn.

JOSEPH FRANCIS THORNTON, '88. Associate editor of *Student*. Bedford, Ind.

CHARLES MORTON CUNNINGHAM, '88. Greensburg, Ind.

BEDFORD VANCE SUDBURY, '89. Bloomington, Ind.

XLVII.

CHARLES ROLLAND MADISON, '90. Bloomington, Ind.

DANIEL W. CROCKETT, '89. Sudbury, Ind.

JOHN SINGLETON SHANNON, '88. Greensburg, Decatur county, Ind.

HARRY EDMUND WISE, '88. 1409 Leavenworth street, San Francisco, Cal.

WALTER WYATT, '90. Cutler, Ind.

JOSEPH HENRY HOWARD, '88. Came from Butler; charter member of Alpha Psi; second prize on temperance contest. 308 North Ash street, Indianapolis, Ind.

CHAS. S. THOMAS. Pendleton, Ind.

JOHN DETWILER ATKINSON. Pennsville, Pa.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Beta, at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.]

In the college department of the University of Iowa there are about two hundred and fifty students, and in the law and medical schools there are about three hundred and fifty. There is no preparatory department.

Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi are represented.

The membership of the Alpha Beta varies from twelve to twenty. The chapter was founded in 1866. The recent corresponding secretaries have been H. W. Seaman, W. N. Baker, H. P. Mozier, R. C. Lake, W. F. Mozier, and E. H. Sabin. H. P. Mozier was chief of the district in 1883-'84. T. G. Newman attended the convention of 1881; J. I. Gilbert that of 1882; R. C. Lake and M. H. Dey that of 1884; and C. M. Porter that of 1885. W. B. Burnet of this chapter is a member of the board of directors.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

ELBERT LELAND JOHNSON, '84. Member of Lambda. Clay Centre, Kans.

DONALD D. DONNAN, '85. Divided sophomore elocution prize '82; declaimer on Irving exhibition '83; secretary state senate '86; editor *Elkader Journal*. Elkader, Ia.

HARRY DOUGLAS ALLEN, '85. Waterloo, Ia.
SAMUEL PARKER GILBERT, '84. Burlington, Ia.

XLIV.

HARRY PRESTON MOZIER, '84. Declaimer on Zet. exhibition '82; one of commencement speakers. Permanent address, Iowa City, Ia.; present address, 1528 Q street N. W., Washington, D. C.

FRANK ORRIN LOWDEN, '85. Debater on Zet. exhibition '83 and '85; valedictorian. Burlington, Ia.

CHARLES MORSEMAN PORTER, '86. Iowa City, Ia.

ALLEN SHELburn BURROWS, '86. Norfolk, Neb.

NORMAN MADISON CAMPBELL, '86. Sophomore elocution prize '83; Irving exhibition debater '85; Irving June orator '85; on *Vidette Reporter* '83-'85. Colorado Springs, Col.

WILLIAM SUMNER HARWOOD. On *Chicago Inter-Ocean*. 29 Hermitage avenue, Chicago, Ill.; former address, Charles City, Ia.

WILLIAM FOY MOZIER, '86. On *Vidette Reporter*. Iowa City, Ia.

XLV.

WILLIAM MORSE WOODWARD, '86. Elocution prize '82; Irving exhibition declaimer '84; captain foot-ball team. Independence, Ia.

ELBRIDGE H. SABIN, '86. Clinton, Ia.

MARVIN HULL DEY, '87. Iowa City, Ia.

XLVI.

ELWYN FRANK BROWN, '87. Irving exhibition debater '86. Jefferson, Ia.

RICHARD DREW MUSSER, '88. Muscatine, Ia.

DAVID POWELL JOHNSON, JR., '88. Muscatine, Ia.

EDWARD MOSES NEALLEY, '87. In business at Burlington, Ia.

XLVII.

BROD BEDFORD DAVIS, '89. Lewis, Ia.

JOHN HOWARD GATES, '88. Waterloo, Ia.

FRED S. WATKINS, '88. Davenport, Ia.

GEORGE SPENCER WRIGHT, '89. Council Bluffs, Ia.

XLVIII.

FRANK PRENTICE WRIGHT, '89. Council Bluffs, Ia.

GEORGE WILLIAM INGHAM, '89. Algona, Ia.

WALTER LINCOLN ANDERSON, '89. Sidney, Ia.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SWIGART. Maquoketa, Ia.

IOWA WESLEYAN CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Epsilon, at Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.]

The college department of the Iowa Wesleyan University has twelve instructors and about one hundred and twenty-five students. There are about one hundred and seventy-five students in the preparatory department and the conservatory of music. Women are admitted.

The fraternities are Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta. There is a strong anti-fraternity sentiment, fostered by the president.

The Alpha Epsilon was founded in 1868. It usually numbers about ten members. Since the convention of 1881, G. W. Latham, Edson Gregg, G. S. Williams, and W. B. Hanna have been corresponding secretaries. Hanna represented the chapter at the convention of 1885.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WILL LEWIS COLLINS, '84. In Knoxville National Bank. Knoxville, Ia.

GEORGE ANDREW HARE, '84. Now in medical department of University of Michigan. Permanent address, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

CARL SCHURZ WILLIAMS, '84. Represented the students on University Day, '84; cor. sec. Now at Belleville, Kan.; permanent address, Centreville, Ia.

XLIV.

ASBURY NELSON LOPER, '84. Teaching in Newton, Kan: Permanent address, Sperry. Ia.

JOHN WAUGH LANEY, '86. Rosendale, Mo.

HOWARD THOMAS PASCHAL, '86. Studying law at Creston, Ia.

CLYDE PLEASANTON PASCHAL, '86. Studying law in Creston, Ia.

XLV.

WALTER TEIS SMITH, '86. At University of

Michigan. Member of Lambda, Pepin, Ill.

WILLIAM BLAKEWAY HANNA, '87. Assistant in chemical laboratory, '82-'83 and '85-'86; cor. sec. Danville, Ia.

XLVI.

JAMES LEIGH WOOLSON, '87. Local editor *Iowa Wesleyan*, '85-'86. Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

FREDERIC LINCOLN TOENNIGS, '88. Pepin, Ill.

BYRON LAMONT CLOSE GANN, '89. Maryville, Mo.

JOSEPH HOUSEMAN NEWBOLD, '89. Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

XLVII.

OWEN GREGG WILSON, '89. Washington, Ia.

CHARLES ROBERT WOODEN, '89. Centreville, Ia.

PAUL BIRD WOOLSON, '88. Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

ERNEST FREDERICK SMITH, '89. Pepin, Ill.

OTTO HENRY UNLAND, '89. Pepin, Ill.

JOHNS HOPKINS CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Chi, at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.]

Johns Hopkins University is best known because of the prominence that it post-graduate study. Yet there are also undergraduates. There are usually one hundred and seventy-five post-graduates, one hundred undergraduates, and fifty special students. There are forty-three instructors. The institution is years old; and its almost immediate advance to the front rank was due to its health and intelligent management.

Only fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Phi. As the city is situated in the heart of the city and has no dormitories, the students are widely scattered. Besides, each one is pursuing a specialty and so meets only those who are studying in the same line. The fraternities are encouraged by the school as furnishing the best means of overcoming these difficulties and of procuring acquaintance among the students.

At the convention of 1881 the corresponding secretaries of the Alpha Chi were Edgar Goodman, W. S. Bayley, J. P. Campbell, and A. R. L. Dohme. The chapter was founded in 1878. It was represented in 1881 and in 1884 by S. G. Field in 1885 by Lee Sale.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

JARVIS, '82. Reporter for the *Baltimore*, Baltimore, Md.

LEWIS LORD, JR., '84. On ball nine; studying law at Columbia and member of Phi Kappa Psi. Baltimore, Md.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY BAYLEY, '83. Assistant geology '82; assistant in chemistry '83; fellowship in chemistry, '84-'85, and in geology '85-'86; cor. sec.; now studying mineralogy at Johns Hopkins University. 366 North W., Baltimore, Md.

THOMAS COLLINS, '83. Assistant geology '85. Mt. Washington, Md.

XLIV.

MARY BEATTY HARLAN, '83. Attorney at law, Baltimore, Md.; residence, Churchville, Md.

WINSLOW WILLIAMS, '83. LL. B., of Maryland, '85; attorney at law. Baltimore, Md.

THOMAS B. BRACE. Admitted at Upsilon; Boston University, '81. Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM SCHILLER LEE, Ph. D. '84. Scholarship in biology '83, and fellowship at Beta Zeta; A. B., St. Lawrence University, '78; now studying in Europe. Fort Y., Md.

HAZLEHURST WIEGAND, '85. Still at Johns Hopkins University. 272 Madison avenue, Baltimore, Md.

EDWARD FELS, '83. LL. B., University of Pennsylvania, '85; attorney at law. Philadelphia, Pa.

ANDRE LEON CAMPBELL, '85. Cor. sec.; scholarship '85-'86. Permanent address, Richmond, W. Va.; temporary address, 352 North W., Baltimore, Md.

XLV.

ELWOOD THEODORE PEED. A. M., Randolph College, '78, and member of Alpha Xi, Va.

HERBERT CHARLES ELMER. Member of Beta Theta Pi. Home, Rushford, N. Y.; temporary address, 93 W. Preston street, Baltimore, Md.

THEODORE HOUGH, '86. Hopkins honorary scholarship '84-'86. 181 McCulloh street, Baltimore, Md.

XLVI.

EVERT B. SMEDES. A. B., University of North Carolina, '83; teaching. Raleigh, N. C.

ALFRED ROBERT LOUIS DOHME, '86. Cor. sec.; on ball nine; vice-president '86. 27 Hollins street, Baltimore, Md.

JOHN RANDOLPH WINSLOW, '86. 23 McCulloh street, Baltimore, Md.

JAMES CLARK FIFIELD, '87. Permanent address, Kearney, Neb.; temporary, 182 N. Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md.

WILLIAM FLOOD SMITH, '86. Hopkins honorary scholarship '84-'86. 45 Harlem avenue, Baltimore, Md.

ALFRED DODGE COLE. Appointed professor of chemistry and physics at Denison University '85; came from Kappa. Permanent address, Beverly, Mass.; present address, Granville, O.

JAMES LEE LOVE. A. B., University of North Carolina, '84. Appointed assistant professor of mathematics at University of North Carolina '85. Permanent address, Gastonia, N. C.

XLVII.

HENRY R. SLACK, JR. Graduated at Maryland College of Pharmacy in '85; received three prizes from Georgia Pharmacy Association; now in business. La Grange, Ga.

JOHN WHITE, JR., '88. Permanent address, Poolesville, Md.; temporary address, 258 Linden avenue, Baltimore, Md.

JAMES HIGGINS MCINTOSH. A. B., Newberry College, '84. Home address, Newberry, S. C.; temporary address, 333 N. Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md.

JOSEPH HORING KASTLE. A. B., Kentucky University, '84; graduate scholarship in chemistry '85-'86. Permanent address, Lexington, Ky.; temporary address, 333 N. Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md.

CHARLES EDWARD SIMON, '88. Hopkins scholarship '85. 201 Linden avenue, Baltimore, Md.

WILLIAM HOWARD MILLER, '88. Hopkins honorary scholarship '85-'88. 141 E. Townsend street, Baltimore, Md.

FREDERICK GEORGE YOUNG, '86. Home, Beaver Dam, Wis.; temporary address, 87 W. Preston street, Baltimore, Md.

GEORGE MURRAY CAMPBELL, A. B., D. I. house University, '82. Home, Truro, N. S.; temporary address, 185 Linden avenue, Baltimore, Md.

THOMAS SPEAR FEARN, '88. Home, Summit, N. J.; temporary address, 132 W. Madison street, Baltimore, Md.

EDWARD CAREY APPELGARTH, '87. Hopkins honorary scholarship '84-'87. 632 W. Fayette street, Baltimore, Md.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CHAPTER.

(The Alpha Nu, at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kas.)

college department of the University of Kansas there are about two hundred one-third being women. Degrees are conferred in arts and in science. great freedom in choice of studies after the sophomore year. There are also law, pharmacy, music, and preparatory departments. The institution is management of a board of regents appointed by the governor of the state, ves its financial support from the sale of university lands and from appromade by the legislature.

aternities represented in the order of their founding are Beta Theta Pi, Phi si. Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Nu.

lpha Nu was represented in the convention of '81 by Scott Hopkins, Lucius and C. G. Upton, and in the convention of '85 by C. D. Dean, P. L. id C. E. Parker. In '83 and '84 it was represented by Maj. W. C. Ransom of who, at the time of the founding of Alpha Nu, in 1872, was a resident of e and the chief promoter of the new chapter. The recent corresponding s have been L. H. Leach, J. E. Curry, and W. T. Caywood. Two of the iefs of the district, Scott Hopkins and C. F. Scott, are alumni of this chapter.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

N PERRY. Troy, Kas.

FREMONT SMITH, B. S. '85. Class tained faculty appointment for com t day; assistant surveyor of Cowley Wellington, Kas.

SHERIDAN KINNEAR. Editor *Meade be*; mayor of Meade Centre. Meade is.

S EDWIN PARKER. In '82-'83 was in School of Mines and member of Alpha '83 entered pharmacy department of Michigan; member and cor. sec. of graduated from department in '85; f Leis Chemical Mfg. Co. Lawrence,

DAVID WALKER, B. S. '83. On ball uated '86 at Keokuk Medical College rs of class. Blue Mound, Kas.

XLIV.

WILLIAM ROBINSON. Engineering, uarters at Denver, Col.

EMERSON STOUT. Reporter for ty *Star*. Kansas City, Mo.

S W. HOUSTON. Real estate agent. as.

XLV.

S ERNEST HALL. Real estate agent. n, Kas.

HENRY POCHLER, '88. Lawrence,

TTIE SARGENT. Ticket agent Fort ulf R. R. at Kansas City, Mo.

ELLSWORTH CURRY, '86. On foot- orator Orophilian Society in Oread- contest; editor on *University Courier sity Review*; orator from senior class ghton's birthday; cor. sec. Norton-

r CLINTON BOWER. Assistant cashier Delphos, Kas.

ICE ERNEST WOOD, A. B. '84. Wame-

XLVI.

LAWRENCE CALL, LL. B. '85. as.

CHARLES FREDERICK FOLEY, LL. B. '84. Class leader; principal Armourdale schools. Armourdale, Kas.

ROBERT CRAWFORD RANKIN. Lawrence, Kas.

ARCHIBALD WATSON. Champion-prize win- ner on field day. Shawnee, Kas.

CHARLES DICKEY DEAN, B. S. '84. Class day orator; business manager and president of *Courier*; now city editor on *Lawrence Daily Journal*. Lawrence, Kas.

OLIN TEMPLIN, '86. Cockins prize in math- ematics; debater Normal Society; assistant pro- fessor of mathematics; leader of class. Canon City, Col.

WEBSTER WILLIAM DAVIS. Orator in con- test in Orophilian Society; land attorney and agent. Garden City, Kas.

CARL SMITH. With Day Theater Co., Canada. Home, Kansas City, Mo.

WILLIAM TALBOTT CAYWOOD, '89. Cor. sec. Vining, Kas.

EDWID FISKE STIMPSON, '88. Lawrence, Kas.

MARCUS N. BREMAN. McPherson, Kas.

XLVII.

FRANK EVERETT REED, '88. Orator on Orophilian contest. Newton, Kas.

THOMAS FRANCIS DORAN, '88. First prize in faculty declamatory contest; second *Courier* prize for chapel rhetoricals. Council Grove, Kas.

HARRY BUCKINGHAM, '89. Lawrence, Kas.

WALTER MOORE TOMLIN, '89. Winsfield, Kas.

LAWRENCE THEODORE SMITH, '89. Con- cordia, Kas.

JOSHUA BARLOW LIPPINCOTT, '87. Editor on *Courier*; on foot-ball team. Lawrence, Kas.

SAMUEL BURKHOLDER, JR., '86. Essay prize. Canada, Kas.

WILLIAM E. BORAH, '89. Lyons, Kas.

WILLIAM TELL REED, '87. Orophilian de- bator in Oread-Orophilian contest. Newton, Kas.

CAMPBELL MCGEE WATSON, '90. Shawnee, Kas.

JOHN WEIGHTMAN, '87. Topeka, Kan.

KENYON CHAPTER.

[The Beta Alpha, at Kenyon College, Gambier, O.]

Kenyon College has nine professors and about sixty students. There are two courses, the classical and the philosophical, each composed wholly of prescribed studies. A theological seminary is connected with the college. A stone building for the library has been erected recently. Kenyon is the most important western institution belonging to the Protestant Episcopal church.

The fraternities are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Phi, and Delta Tau Delta. A chapter's membership varies from one to fifteen, the present average being about six.

The Beta Alpha, founded in 1879, has been successful, though meeting long-established rivals in a field by no means large enough for so many chapters. Its membership has averaged nine. The corresponding secretaries for the last four years and a half have been J. E. Good, E. M. Benedict, and G. C. Cox. The representatives at recent conventions have been C. D. Williams and W. K. L. Warwick in 1881; J. E. Good, W. S. Taylor, and A. M. Snyder in 1882; Good and Warwick in 1883; and R. B. Bloodgood, A. M. Snyder, and H. C. Ferris in 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WARREN EDWARD RUSSELL, '85. On ball nine and prominent in athletics; entered Amherst in '84 and became member of Beta Iota. Massillon, O.

MARTIN ARMSTRONG MAYO, '85. Editor-in-chief of *Advance*; now at Cincinnati Law School. Lima, O.

ALONZO MITCHELL SNYDER, A. B. '85. Inter-collegiate prize for best general athlete; editor *Reveille*; studying law. Galion, O.

ROBERT BENNETT WYNKOOP, '85. Division superintendent W. U. Telegraph. Crestline, O.

XLIV.

ERNEST MILNOR BENEDICT, A. B. '85. Editor of *Advance*; Phi Beta Kappa; honor man; cor. sec.; now surveying with C. & N. R. R. in Kentucky. Permanent address, 369 W. Seventh street, Cincinnati, O.; temporary address, Glasgow, Ky.

XLV.

EDWARD VANCE BOPE, A. B. '85. Now at law school of University of Michigan and member of Lambda. Findlay, O.

GEORGE CLARKE COX, '86. Kenyon Day orator; editor of *Reveille*; class president; cor. sec. Delhi, O.

HENRY CARR FERRIS, '87. Left Kenyon in '84, entered Stevens, and is member of Sigma. 337 Franklin street, Cleveland, O.

KENYON BRONSON CONGER, '87. Bicycle prize; editor of *Reveille*. Akron, O.

HARRY NEWTON HILL, '87. Engaged in iron and steel business. 3 Franklin Court, Cleveland, O.

GEORGE STRAIN COX, '87. Now at Chicago Medical College. Permanent address, Terre Haute, Ind.; temporary address, Twenty-sixth street and Paine avenue, Chicago, Ill.

CLEVELAND KEITH BENEDICT, '87. 369 W. Seventh street, Cincinnati, O.

CHARLES EVERITT TULLER, '87. Stock dealer at Dublin. Address, Dublin, O.

XLVI.

IRVING BOOTH TODD, '84. Editor of *Advance*; Phi Beta Kappa; valedictorian. Permanent address, Manhattan, Kas.; now at Frankfort, Ky.

ALBERT COUDON WHITAKER, '88. Now with Whitaker Iron Co. 2227 Chaplin street, Wheeling, W. Va.

FRANK HERSCHEL BRIGGS, '88. Painesville, O. EBER THERAN TULLER, '88. Teaching. Dublin, O.

HARRY CURTIS DEVIN, '88. Mt. Vernon, O.

MADISON CHAPTER.

[The Beta Theta, at Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y.]

Madison University is a Baptist institution. It comprises a theological seminary, a college, and a preparatory school. In the college there are ten instructors and about one hundred students. Almost all of the students take the classical course of prescribed studies.

The fraternities are confined to the college department. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, and Beta Theta Pi have chapters. Delta Kappa Epsilon owns a hall, and Delta Upsilon owns a chapter house.

The Beta Theta was founded in 1880 upon the basis of a local organization called the Adelpian Society. The names of such of the Adelpian alumni as have become members of the Beta Theta Pi since August, 1881, are inserted in the list of members given below. The corresponding secretaries since the Chicago convention have been Walter Cook, C. J. Pope, C. C. Van Kirk, A. M. Dyer, and W. H. Crawshaw. E. D. W. Petteys was chief of the district in 1882-'83. C. J. Pope was at the convention of 1881; Dyer and C. E. Haworth at that of '82; Dyer, A. H. Cole, Van Kirk, and H. C. Lyman at that of '83; E. C. Harding, H. E. Slaughter, and C. H. Douglass at that of '84.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

CHARLES HENRY DOUGLASS, A. B., '85. Second Dodge entrance prize; second Lasher essay prize; editor-in-chief of *Madisonensis*; assistant professor in rhetoric, 1884-'85; valedictorian; Phi Beta Kappa; teacher. Delhi, N. Y.

REV. WILLIAM JOSIAH QUINCY, A. B., '76. Fourth Montgomery prize in oratory; Baptist minister. Broadalbin, N. Y.

REV. JUDSON KINCAID FOLWELL, A. B., '78. First Osborn mathematical prize; second Royce prize in declamation; Phi Beta Kappa; Baptist minister. Bayonne, N. Y.

ALBION MORRIS DYER, A. B., '84. Cor. sec.; journalist. With *Evening Telegram*. Youngstown, O.

XLIV.

DR. ELMER GARDINER KERN, Ph. B., '78. Studied at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia; degree of M. D.; physician. Herkimer, N. Y.

REV. DAVID HART COOPER, '75. Studied in Carson College; Baptist minister. Waverley, N. Y.

REV. CHARLES PITMAN PEACHY FOX, A. B., '75. Royce prize declamation; Baptist minister. Washington, Kan.

REV. HARRY SCOTT SCHWARTZ, A. B., '76. Studied at University at Lewisburg; Baptist minister. Gouverneur, N. Y.

REV. MARTIN LA BURN RUGG, '80. Baptist minister. Salem, Oregon.

ALFRED BURT TAYLOR, '86. Merchant. Palmyra, N. Y.

ROBERT DOUGLASS BRIGGS, '86. Editor of *College Annual*, '86; farmer. Grand Ledge, Mich.

WILLIAM EDWARD WEED, '86. Second

Osborn mathematical prize; first Lasher essay prize; second Kingsford prize in declamation; editor of *Madisonensis*, 1885-'86. Clifton Park, N. Y.

XLV.

FRANK AMNER GALLUP, '88. Third Dodge entrance prize. Sparta, Tenn.

WILLIAM HENRY CRAWSHAW, '87. First Allen essay prize; editor of *College Annual*, '86; editor of *Madisonensis*, 1885-'87; assistant professor of rhetoric; cor. sec., 1883-'86. 2521 North Front street, Philadelphia, Pa.

HOMER CHILD LYMAN, '87. Business manager of *Madisonensis*, 1885-'87. North Adams, Mass.

MARTIN REMINGTON NELSON, '86. Accountant's office of Michigan Central Railroad. Detroit, Mich.

XLVI.

REV. ELDON HERBERT LOVETT, '75. Baptist minister. Long Island City, N. Y.

WILLIAM JAMES MOORE, '86. Studied at Columbia College. 125 Pennington street, Newark, N. J.

CHARLES CLARK PIERCE, '88. Walton, N. Y.

XLVII.

ALBERT JOHN KIMMEL, '86. Studied at Denison University. Kendallville, O.

HENRY H. HAMILTON, '84. Lawyer. Rockford, Ill.

GEORGE HENRY MEYER, '89. Second Dodge entrance prize. Hamilton, N. Y.

HORACE GRANT MCKEAN, '89. Angora, Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM ANDRUS ST. JOHN, '87. Highland, Mich.

ALVAH EDWARD KNAPP, '89. Marblehead, Mass.

EDWARD MARSHALL VAN KIRK, '89. Greenwich, N. Y.

MAINE STATE COLLEGE CHAPTER.

[The Beta Eta, at Maine State College, Orono, Me.]

The Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts owes its origin to the national land grant, and is controlled by the state. By the will of the late ex-governor Abner Coburn it receives one hundred thousand dollars in 1886. There are courses in civil engineering and mechanical engineering, leading to the degree of B. C. E. and B. M. E.; and there are courses in agriculture, in chemistry, and in general science and literature, each leading to B. S. Almost all of the students choose the courses in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, and chemistry. Women are admitted, but only a few are in attendance. There are ten professors and about one hundred students.

The fraternities are Q. T. V., Beta Theta Pi, and Kappa Sigma.

The Beta Eta usually has about eighteen members. It was founded in 1878, upon the basis of the E. C., a society that dated from 1875. For several years it has published the college annual, *The Pendulum*. The recent corresponding secretaries have been C. S. Bickford, W. R. Pattangall, R. K. Jones, Jr., and J. D. Lazell. Jones is chief of the district. E. S. Abbot was at the convention of 1882; C. S. Bickford at that of 1883; and L. W. Taylor at that of 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WILLIAM PHILBROOK, '85, also '88. Bethel, Me.

XLIV.

CHARLES SAMPSON WILLIAMS, '85. Portland, Me.

FRANK EUGENE HULL, '85. Captain ball nine; editor *Pendulum*; class marshal; teacher. Warren, Me.

CLARENCE SUMNER LUNT, '84. Editor *Pendulum*; city editor *Whig and Courier*. Bangor, Me.

WILLIAM ROBINSON PATTANGALL, '84. Editor *Pendulum*. Campello, Mass.

FRANK ISSACHAR KIMBALL, '82. Valet-dictorian; division superintendent Penn. R. R. Greensburg, Pa.

WILLIAM MOREY, JR., '85. Editor *Pendulum*; U. S. Signal Office. Washington, D. C.

RALPH KNEELAND JONES, JR., '86. Editor *Pendulum*; editor-in-chief *Cadet*; captain Coburn cadets; cor. sec.; chief; class prophet. Bangor, Me.

FRED. WILLIAM DICKERSON, '85. Belfast, Me.

ELISHA CHICK VOSE, '85. Lawyer. Bangor, Me.

LEONARD GREGORY PAINE, '85. Editor *Pendulum*; class odist. Now at Stevens and member of Sigma. Bangor, Me.

XLV.

IRVING BURTON RAY, '86. Editor *Pendulum*; captain ball nine. Harrington, Me.

GEORGE FULLER BLACK, '86. Editor *Pendulum*; Editor *Cadet*; captain Coburn cadets; manager base-ball association; class historian. Palermo, Me.

HENRY TORSEY FERNALD, '85. On ball nine; editor *Pendulum*. Now at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Orono, Me.

EDWIN DWIGHT GRAVES, '86. Class odist. Orono, Me.

JAMES FREDERIC LOCKWOOD, '86. Coburn prize declamation, honorable mention; Prentiss prize essay, first prize, editor *Pendulum*; editor *Cadet*; class orator. Brewer, Me.

LUIS VERNET PRINCE CILLEY, '87. Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, S. A.

EDWIN VORANUS COFFIN, '87. Harrington, Me.

JAMES DRAPER LAZELL, '87. Cor. sec. Rockland, Me.

EUGENE CLARENCE BARTLETT, '86. Farmer. Orono, Me.

CHARLES LEON LIBBY, '86. Mechanical engineer. Bridgeport, Conn.

HARRY FOSTER LINCOLN, '88. Dennysville, Me.

XLVI.

CHARLES THATCHER VOSE, '87. On ball nine; editor *Cadet*. Middletown, N. B.

JAMES EDWARD DIKE, '76. One of the founders of the C. E. Grand Forks, Dak. Ter.

SIDNEY SMITH TWOMBLY, '86. Enfield, Me.

JAMES KENT CHAMBERLIN, '88. Sanitary engineer. Bangor, Me.

DAVID WILDER COLBY, '87. Editor *Cadet*; class historian. Skowhegan, Me.

CLAUDE LORRAINE HOWES, '88. Leader college orchestra. 700 Harrison avenue, Boston Mass.

FRED. THAYER DREW, '88. Orono, Me.

XLVII.

JOHN RUSSELL BOARDMAN, '88. Editor *Cadet*. Augusta, Me.

FREDERIC LINCOLN THOMPSON, '89. Medical student. Augusta, Me.

ALPHONSO JOAN COFFIN, '89. Harrington, Me.

XLVIII.

WILLIAM HENRY SARGENT, '89. Brewer, Me.

CHARLES GRANVILLE CUSHMAN, '89. North Bridgeton, Me.

RALPH HEMENWAY MARSH, '88. Bradley, Me.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CHAPTER.

[The Lambda, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.]

In the undergraduate department of the University of Michigan there are about six hundred students. The courses are largely elective. Degrees are conferred in arts, philosophy, science, letters, and engineering, the A. B. degree being the most popular. In the law, medical, pharmacy, dental, and graduate departments there are about a thousand students. Women are admitted upon the same terms as men. The university was established in 1841 and is controlled by the state.

In the order of original establishment the fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta. Delta Upsilon is represented, and Sigma Chi is represented in the law department alone. Each of the departments outside of the literary department, has one or more chapters of secret societies. Membership varies from ten to thirty. Most of the chapters occupy chapter houses.

The Lambda was founded in 1845. It occupies a chapter house, No. 21 N. State street, where visiting Betas are always welcome. The recent corresponding secretaries have been J. A. Case, T. C. Phillips, C. E. Baker and W. T. Smith. In 1883-'84 Case was chief of the district. D. E. Osborn, D. A. Garwood, and W. B. Cady were representatives at the convention of 1881; J. A. Case, J. E. Beal, and J. H. Grant at that of 1882; J. E. Beal and D. K. Cochrane at that of 1883; Beal and E. L. Johnson at that of 1884, and at that of 1885 C. L. Andrews, F. L. Velde, and W. T. Smith, the last being the secretary of the convention. Major W. C. Ransom was at all of these conventions, except that of 1882, and was president of the convention of 1883.

Admitted since August, 1881.

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XLIII.

CHARLES HENRY JAMES DOUGLASS. Initiated at Kappa; with Lambda three years; professor of history and English literature at Milwaukee high school. 168 Division street, Milwaukee, Wis.

EDWARD ADAMS BENSON. Came from Chi; spent a year in the law department. Milwaukee, Wis.

ALFRED CLAIBORNE DOWNS. Came from Epsilon; spent a year in the law department. Danville, Ky.

DAVID KIPLER COCHRANE, '85. Did not graduate; editor *Chronicle*; now in business. Manistee, Mich.

FRED REYNOLDS BABCOCK, '85. Did not graduate; now in business. Manistee, Mich.

JAMES WILBER GREGORY, '86. Editor on '85's *Oracle*. Rockford, Ill.

XLIV.

DWIGHT HORACE RAMSDELL, '86. Left college. Emery, Mich.

JESSE CORNELL SHATTUCK, '86. In business. Owosso, Mich.

FRANK JACOBS CHEEK, LL. B., '83. Came from Epsilon. Danville, Ky.

JOE WALKER COOPER. Came from Psi; spent a year in medical department. Wellsburg, W. Va.

ELBERT LELAND JOHNSON, Ph. B., '84. Came from Alpha Beta. Clay Center, Kan.

*WILLIAM WALTER HARRIS, '86. Lake Linden, Mich. Died January 16, 1884.

GEORGE WALTON WHYTE, '87. Editor *Oracle* of class of '86; editor *Chronicle*. Geneva Lake, Wis.

GEORGE LANPHERE PRICE, '86. Winner of a number of athletic prizes. Galesburg, Ill.

CHARLES EDWARD PARKER, Ph. C., '85. Cor. sec.; came from Alpha Nu. Home address, Ottawa, Franklin county, Kan.; temporary address, Lawrence, Kan.

DENVER JOHN MACKEY, '87. Was admitted at Theta under special dispensation; member of Theta Delta; studying law at Sandusky, Ohio.

WALTER TEIS SMITH, '87. Secretary of convention of '85; cor. sec.; came from Alpha Epsilon. Pekin, Ill.

FRANKLIN LUPPEN VELDE, '87. Came from Alpha Epsilon. Pekin, Ill.

CHARLES H. FORBES. Came from Omega; spent the year '83-4 in the law department of the University of Michigan; now at Harvard continuing law studies. Temporary address, 14 Mellen street, Cambridge, Mass.; home address, Durham, Cal.

CHARLES E. POWELL, A. M., '84. Came from Vanderbilt University and is a member of Beta Lambda; spent '83-4 in post graduate work; passed the civil service examination and was appointed to a clerkship in pension department. 13 I street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

WILL COOPER HARRIS, '87. In business. Pontiac, Mich.

FRED. DAVID SHERMAN, '87. Grand Rapids, Mich.

JOHN HAZELTON COTTERAL, '87. In real estate business. Garden City, Kan.

XLVI.

HOWARD GEORGE HETZLER, '86. Editor on *Palladium* of '86. Waterloo, Ia.

JAMES GABRIEL SMITH. Came from Alpha

Nu; studying law at the University of Michigan.
1611 Oak street, Kansas City, Mo.

CHARLES LINCOLN ANDREWS, '86. Chicago, Ill.

CLARENCE LEE DOBYNS, '88. In business.
Portsmouth, Ohio.

LOUIS BRIGGS LEE, '88. Brighton, Mich.

JED HANNIBAL LEE, '88. Brighton, Mich.

WILLIAM E. WOOD, '88. Accepted an appointment to West Point in '85; granted leave of absence on account of ill-health, and is now at Van Orin, Ill.

XLVII.

JOHN HADLEY PATTERSON, '87. Class orator in freshman year; left college to become clerk of probate court. Pontiac, Mich.

EDWARD VANCE BOPE. In law department; came from Beta Alpha. Findlay, Ohio.

GEORGE CULLEY MANLY. In law depart-

ment; came from Denver University and was a member of the Rho under special dispensation; was the Colorado representative at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest held at Columbus, O., in '85. Denver, Colo.

GEORGE B. WATSON. In law department; came from Alpha Nu. Shawnee, Kan.

ELLSWORTH E. OTIS. In law department; came from Alpha Gamma. Dundee, Ohio.

STERLING PARKS, '88. Came from Beta. Collamer, Ohio.

LOUIS ROSCOE DOUD, '89. Winona, Minn.

ROBERT SIMEON BABCOCK, '89. Manistee, Mich.

JULIAN MILLARD, '89. St. Paul, Minn.

DANIEL PHILIP GRANT, '89. Burlington, Ind.

FRED BERNARD SPAULDING, '89. Coldwater, Mich.

VICTOR MAXWELL TUTHILL, '89. Dowagiac, Mich.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER.

[The Beta Beta, at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.]

the college department of the University of Mississippi the course for a degree is five years, and there are about two hundred and fifty students. There is also a law department. The university is a state institution. Women are admitted. There are chapters of the Rainbow, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Beta Theta Pi. The Beta Beta was established in 1879 upon the basis of Alpha Kappa Phi. W. H. Steen, J. M. Steen, J. Y. Murry, Jr., G. T. Fitzhugh, J. D. Burge, and H. M. Quinn have been the corresponding secretaries since 1881. J. C. Harris, Dabney Marshall, W. L. Birdsong were at the convention of 1882; and Dabney Marshall was the president of the convention of 1885.

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XLIII.

WILLIAM YOUNG MURRY, JR., '83 and law '84. Editor-in-chief *University Magazine* '83; on editorial staff of *Daily Clarion* during session of 1884; practicing law. Ripley, Miss.
ROBERT RUFFIN COCKE, '85. Brandon,

SON GAINES RICHARDSON, '85. Sherman, Tex.

ERIE MARSHALL QUIN, '86. First freshman medal at commencement of '84; anniversary of Hermæan Literary Society February 1885; exchange editor of *University Magazine* at McComb City, Miss.

ES SWAPTURE GADBERRY, '85. Lawyer. Natchez, Miss.

NK MAY SCOTT, '82 law. Came from Oxford; first honor man of law class; lawyer. Natchez, Miss.

LIAM TIDENCE LANE CLARK, '84. Natchez, Tex.

TON THOMAS FITZHUGH, '86. Bohemian at '83; first honor man freshman year; first honor man sophomore year; first sophomore medalist; junior first honor man, and junior editor of *University Magazine* '86; historian of the graduating class. Oxford,

L TATE McDONALD, '82 law. Third man of law class; member of Mississippi Bar, '86; lawyer. Ashland, Miss.

ES BONEDIAN ROSS, '86. In business. Natchez, Miss.

MAS ARTHUR CHICHESTER, '86. Book-keeper. Edwards, Miss.

XLIV.

WILLIAM ISIDORE SINNOTT, '78. Editor Alpha Kappa Phi. Oxford, Miss.

JOHN JACKSON RHODES, '77. Member Alpha Kappa Phi; physician. Brandon,

HARD EVERETT FRANTZ, '78. Member Alpha Kappa Phi; editor and proprietor of *Brandon Republican*. Brandon, Miss.

ALPHUS EVANS BROWN, '87. Brandon,

ROBERT LOVE McLAURIN, '86. Attended South-western Presbyterian University. Brandon, Miss.

JOHN HARVEY JOHNSON, '86. Attended medical college Louisville, Ky. Brooklyn, Mass.

OLIVER NEWTON KILLOUGH, '87. In business. Vandale, Ark.

LOUIS THOMAS FITZHUGH, JR., '88. First Philomathæan medalist '84. Oxford, Miss.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HILL, '87. First-medal man of freshman and sophomore classes at commencements of '84 and '85. Jackson, Miss.

XLV.

RICHARD PETTUS MOORE, '86 law; second honor man of freshman class of '83; first of sophomore of '84; then left college and returned in the law class of '86; editor of *University Magazine*. Columbia, Miss.

AMZI WADDLE HOOKER, '85. Lexington, Miss.

LOUIS KARR SHARPE, '88. Natchez, Miss.

THOMAS SPENCE SHARPE, '87. Natchez, Miss.

JOHN DAVID BURGE, '86; second freshman medalist '84; editor-in-chief *University Magazine* '86. Oxford, Miss.

EDWARD LEE LASHBROOKE, '87. New Orleans, La.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS CHALMERS, '88. In business at Memphis, Tenn.

MALCOLM CAMERON MONTGOMERY, '87. Natchez, Miss.

NICHOLAS STUBBS WALKER, '87. In business at Brownwood, Tex.

HARRIS CHRISTIAN HOOVER, '88. McComb City, Miss.

SIMON SUGGS MATHEWS, '86. Oxford, Miss.

ALBERT LEWIS PITTMAN, '88. Studying law. Columbus, Miss.

XLVI.

WILLIAM WEBSTER MAYES, '88. Hazlehurst, Miss.

ALONZO MONROE HARLEY, '87. Atlanta, Miss.

JAMES BASSETT McELROY, '87. Teaching at Mayhew Station, Miss.; permanent address, Columbus, Miss.

ROBERT FINLEY COCHRAN, '85 law. First honor man and valedictorian; editor of the *University Magazine*. Meridian, Miss.

ANDREW BROWN LEARNED, '87. Now at Vanderbilt and a member of Beta Lambda. Natchez, Miss.

SAMUEL HOLLOWAY, '89. Oxford, Miss.

ROBERT BURNS MAYES, '88. In business at Hazlehurst, Miss.

XLVII.

WALTER HARRIS, '89. Ripley, Miss.

EDWARD LEANDER BARKER McCLELLAND, '89. West Point, Miss.

JOHN BASCOM COCHRAN, '86. Meridian, Miss.

THADDEUS BOOTH LAMPTON, '89. Columbia, Miss.

NORTHWESTERN CHAPTER.

[The Rho, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.]

Northwestern University is managed by the Methodist Episcopal church. In the college department it has twelve instructors and, including women, about one hundred and fifty students. There is a preparatory department. Schools of theology, medicine, and law are intimately connected with the university, although, to some extent, they are under separate management. The medical and law departments are in Chicago. The others are in Evanston, a suburb.

There are chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, and Delta Upsilon. Membership varies from ten to twenty-five.

The Rho was founded in 1873. A. G. Briggs, F. E. Lord, D. H. Bloom, W. D. Fullerton, C. S. Tomlinson, and C. N. Zeublin have been the recent correspond secretaries. W. A. Hamilton and D. H. Bloom have been chiefs of the district. F. H. Thatcher, J. T. Hatfield, and W. A. Hamilton were delegates to convention '81; J. C. Bannister in '82; and W. D. Fullerton in '84.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

EDWARD B. LANIER, '86. Came from Theta. Bloomington, Ill.

JOHN POLLARD McWILLIAMS, '85. In business. Dwight, Ill.

CLINTON SAMUEL TOMLINSON, '86. On ball nine; editor-in-chief of college annual; cor. sec.; on Evanston *Index*; now editing *Boone County Republican*. Boone, Ia.

SAMUEL LAMBERT BODDY, '85. Business manager of college annual; studying law. Cherokee, Ia.

XLIV.

WILLIAM DYER FULLERTON, A. B. '85. Cor. sec.; teaching. Present address, 560 McMillan street, Cincinnati, O.; permanent address, Ottawa, Ill.

SAMUEL ROBERT SLAYMAKER, '86. Now at Chi. Beloit, Wis.

HENRY HAMILL, '87. Editor-in-chief of *Syllabus* (college annual). Blunt, Dak.

ELBERT REYNOLDS TILLINGHAST, '86. Mann declamation, second prize; pitcher on ball nine; now at Yale, '88. Temporary address, 44 Elm street, New Haven, Conn.; permanent address, Hope Valley, R. I.

WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIDSON, '86. Now at Chicago Congregational Theological Seminary. Lafayette, Ill.

EDWARD DUNN HUXFORD, '85. On ball nine; president base-ball association '85; first honor at graduation. Cherokee, Ia.

CASSIUS MARCELLUS WEEDMAN, '87. Came from Theta. Farmer City, Ill.

XLV.

LOUIS RICH, '86. Now reporter on *Englewood Call*. Englewood, Ill.

FRANK EDWIN MILLER, '88. In business in Chicago. Address, Evanston, Ill.

JOHN ADAMS, '87. Yorkville, Ill.

HENRY RAND HATFIELD, '87. Evanston, Ill.

BOND STOWE, '87. President of base-ball association, and on the nine. Evanston, Ill.

HARVEY BROWN, '87. Gage debate prize. Evanston, Ill.

JOSEPH B. HUBBARD, '85 law. Practicing law. Evanston, Ill.

HARVEY REEVES CALKINS, '88. Evanston, Ill.

GEORGE BUCKLEY DEEM, '87. Spring Hill, Kas.

JOHN EDDY HUNT, '88. Ashton, Ill.

XLVII.

EARL MONTGOMERY CRANSTON. Under dispensation; A. B. University of Denver, '85; studying law. 190 W. Fourth street, Cincinnati, O.

ARTHUR ROBIN EDWARDS, '88. 2816 Indiana avenue, Chicago, Ill.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS MOORE. Under dispensation; A. B., University of Denver, '85. Denver, Col.

WILLIAM SEWARD ILIFF. Under dispensation; member of '87 at University of Denver. Santa Cruz, Cal.

CLARENCE JOSEPH WHITE. Under dispensation; class of '88 at University of Denver. Georgetown, Col.

GEORGE CULLY MANLY. Under dispensation; A. B., University of Denver, '85; now at Lambda. Chillicothe, O.

ALFRED TRUMAN MOORE. Under dispensation; class of '88 at University of Denver. Denver, Col.

WILLIAM JOY CADY. Under dispensation; '88 in Denver. Care L. F. Waldo, Shelby, Mich.

EDMUND CHASE QUEREAU, '88. Reporter on Evanston *Index*. Aurora, Ill.

JAMES CLARK TISDALE, '89. Rock Springs, W. T.

HERBERT FISK BRIGGS, '89. Napa City, Cal.

CHARLES NEWTON ZEUBLIN, '87. Cor. sec.; on base-ball nine; manager base-ball association; came from University of Pennsylvania. 243 Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill.

PHILIP RAYMOND SHUMWAY, '89. Evanston, Ill.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER.

[The Theta Delta, at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.]

The Ohio State University belongs to the state and is managed by a board of trustees appointed by the governor. The origin of the institution was the national land grant for the support of agricultural and mechanical colleges. The proceeds of Ohio's share of the grant amounted to more than five hundred thousand dollars. The income of this fund is enjoyed by this university; and there is also an annual appropriation made by the legislature. The grounds and buildings, now worth some five or six hundred thousand dollars, were in part the gift of the city and county. Degrees are conferred in arts, philosophy, science, mechanical engineering, mining engineering, civil engineering, and agriculture. There are about one hundred and fifty undergraduates, and about the same number in the preparatory department. Women are admitted. Since the institution was opened, in 1873, it has been steadily growing in favor.

Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, and Beta Theta Pi have chapters, the membership varying from ten to fifteen.

The Theta Delta was founded upon the basis of a local society, the Phi Alpha. The petition was sent to the chapters in the short way permitted by the constitution, and on the 11th day of December, 1885, the chapter was established. The corresponding secretary is W. C. Sabine. W. G. Hyde of Theta Delta is college secretary of the fraternity.

XLVII.—The Founders.

WILLIAM REED POMERENE, '85. Debater in '85 vs. '86 contest, and also in Alcyone-Horton contest; *Makio* editor; admitted at Alpha Lambda; now at Cincinnati Law School. Coshocton, O.

DENVER JOHN MACKEY, '85. Admitted at Theta by dispensation in 1883, and member of Lambda; law student. Sandusky, O.

CHARLES HERBERT HIRST, '86. Admitted at Theta by dispensation in 1883. Clerk with Peter Horn & Co. 29 Fifth street, Pittsburg, Pa.

EDWARD CYRUS BENEDICT, '85. Admitted at Theta by dispensation in 1883; paper dealer. Dayton, O.

CHARLES VERNON PLEUKHARP, '85. Admitted at Theta by dispensation in 1883; orator in '85 vs. '86 contest, and also on Washington's birthday celebration in '83; business manager of *Lantern*; vice-president inter-state oratorical association; traveling salesman for Jas. Pleukharp & Co. 80 W. Third avenue, Columbus, O.

ELMER ELLSWORTH PAINE, '85. Admitted at Theta by dispensation in 1883. City editor *Daily Torch-Light*, Xenia, O.

CLAYTON WILLIAM DELAMATRE, '84. Admitted at Beta Kappa; first honor orator in local

contest and second honor in state contest; now at Cincinnati Law School. Kimball, O.

WILBY GRIMES HYDE, '87. Admitted at Beta Kappa; essayist Alcyone anniversary; fraternity and personal editor *Lantern*; at convention of '85, representing Phi Alpha petition; marshal of same; secretary of Ohio Beta Theta Pi Association, and college secretary of the fraternity. New Holland, O.

WILBUR HENRY SIEBERT, '87. Washington's birthday orator in '85. 235 S. Front street, Columbus, O.

WALLACE CLEMENT SABINE, '86. Class prophet; cor. sec. 1520 N. High street, Columbus, O.

HERBERT TAYLOR STEPHENS, '88. Editor-in-chief of *Lantern*; second honor orator in local contest for '85; ranking captain battalion of cadets. Adrian, Mich.

HENRY JULIAN WOODWORTH, '87. *Makio* editor; Washington's birthday orator, '84; Alcyone anniversary orator. Jefferson, O.

FRANK MILTON RAYMUND, '89. Akron, O.

GAIUS GLENN ATKINS, '88. Admitted at Alpha Gamma. Columbus, O.

CHARLES EDWARD SKINNER, '90. Admitted at Beta Kappa. Redfield, O.

JULIUS FLOTO, '89. 101 Molitor street, Cincinnati, O.

OHIO UNIVERSITY CHAPTER.

[The Beta Kappa, at Ohio University, Athens, O.]

The Ohio University was founded in 1804, and is the oldest college northwest of the Ohio river. There are eight instructors. In the college department there are about forty students. There is also a preparatory department. Women are admitted. The institution is managed by a board of trustees appointed by the governor of the state. The university has four buildings. The library contains over 8,000 volumes. The chemical and physical laboratories are well equipped.

Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, and Phi Delta Theta have chapters. The size of a chapter varies from five to twelve. Preparatory students are admitted by all of the fraternities.

The Beta Kappa was established in 1841 and has a long roll of distinguished men. W. F. Boyd was the representative at the convention of 1881; R. U. Wilson at that of 1882; C. W. De Lamatre at that of 1884; and W. G. Hyde at that of 1885. Hyde is now college secretary. C. S. Coler, H. H. Humphrey, C. W. De Lamatre, G. W. Reed, E. B. Skinner, and Chas. H. H. Higgins have been the corresponding secretaries since 1881. W. F. Boyd of the Beta Kappa has for several years been a member of the board of directors.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIV.

WILLIAM FRANK GORDON, '86. Book-keeper. Portsmouth, O.

PHELPS LEETE, '86. Book-keeper. Portsmouth, O.

JOHN ELLSWORTH DILLON, '86. Teacher. Permanent address, McArthur, O.

WILBY GRIMES HYDE, '86. College secretary; now at Ohio State University, and member of Theta Delta. New Holland, O.

XLV.

CALVIN HUMPHREY, '88. Contest essayist of Athenian Society '86. Coolville, O.

GEORGE WASHINGTON REED, '88. Contest debater of Philomathean Society at commencements of '85 and '86; cor. sec. Uhrichsville, O.

LAWRENCE GRANT WORSTELL, '89. Tappan, O.

XLVI.

ERNEST BROWN SKINNER, '88. Cor. sec. Redfield, O.

LEWIS MCCLELLAN GILLILAN, '88. Cor. sec. Jackson, O.

CHARLES HENRY HIGGINS, '87. Contest essayist of Philomathean Society '85; editor of *Philomathenian*; cor. sec. Athens, O.

CHARLES EDWARD SKINNER, '89. Now at Ohio State University, and member of Theta Delta. Redfield, O.

HERBERT RUSSEL MCVAY, '89. Editor of *Philomathenian*. Athens, O.

XLVII.

ADELBERT GRANT JOHNSON, '89. Portage, O.

CHARLES HOOD FONTS, '90. Meigs Creek, O.

JOHN MARCELLUS JOHNSON, '89. Trimble, O.

OHIO WESLEYAN CHAPTER.

[The Theta, at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O.]

In the college department of the Ohio Wesleyan University there are about two hundred men and one hundred and thirty women. There is a preparatory department.

According to the laws of the university, the fraternities are not allowed to initiate or to pledge students of the preparatory department. There are chapters of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Chi Phi. A chapter of Sigma Chi existed from 1855 to 1884 and was then suppressed by the faculty.

The Theta has had a continuous existence ever since its founding in 1853. G. P. Thorpe, N. H. Fairbanks, F. P. Irvin, and S. P. Withrow have been the recent corresponding secretaries. Thorpe was chief of the district in 1884-'85. In the last few years, S. G. Williams, W. O. Robb, and E. Wambaugh have been editors of the BETA THETA PI, and Williams, Robb, and Dr. T. A. Reamy have been members of the board of directors. There have been the following representatives at recent conventions: J. Alexander and C. M. C. Weedman, 1881; J. R. Hughes, N. H. Fairbanks, and M. S. Milligan, 1882; W. O. Robb and N. H. Fairbanks, 1883; T. R. Terwilliger and M. G. Park, 1884; M. G. Park, 1885. In 1883 five students of the Ohio State University were initiated under a special dispensation. Their names are given in the roll of the Theta Delta.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIIL

ETHELBERT CLARENCE RANDOLPH, '85. Lincoln, Ill.

JOHN PETERS McCABE, '83. Permanent address, Delaware, O.; temporary address, Germantown, O.

CHARLES ALFRED DOE, Columbus, O.

BERTHOLD ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, '84. Winton Place, Hamilton county, O.

XLIV.

THOMSON RITCHIE TERWILLIGER, '84. At the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, O. Permanent address, Mt. Pisgah, Clermont county, O.

MELVIN LEE MILLIGAN, '84. Editor of *Bijou* '84; reading law in Columbus, O. Permanent address, Deavertown, O.

FRANK PERRY IRVIN, '86. Editor-in-chief of *Transcript*; class orator on Washington's birthday in '84; on ball nine; cor. sec.; now a member of Delta. Piqua, O.

MILFORD GRANT PARK, '86. On lecture committee; on ball nine; major of battalion, '84. Permanent address, Galion, O.; temporary address, Seffner, Fla.

JAMES TIVIS PICKERING, '83. Teacher. Permanent address, Pickerington, O.; temporary address, New Holland, O.

CHARLES CLAYTON PICKERING, '83. Studying law. Permanent address, Pickerington, O.; temporary address, Cincinnati, O.

WILLIAM ALFRED BALDWIN, '85. Delaware, O.

ARTHUR MERCIAN MANN, '85. Local editor of *Transcript*; on the oratorical contest; came from Alpha Gamma; studying law. Middleport, O.

JOHN WILLIS ADAIR, '84. Initiated at Alpha Gamma; studying medicine. London, O.

XLV.

WILLIAM BELKNAP MCARTHUR, '86. Out of college. Memphis, Mo.

EDWARD LINCOLN SHANNON, '89. Teaching. Permanent address, Xenia, O.; temporary address, W. Middleburg, O.

GEORGE ROBERT PEEBLES, '85. Fayette, Ia. SQUIRE ROBINSON GREER, '86. Business manager of *Transcript*; cor. editor; now a member of Delta. Oxford, O.

DURWARD STARR GRIFFIN, '86. Business manager of *Transcript*; orator on Zetaganthean Society Annual; cor. editor. Delaware, O.

XLVI.

SAMUEL POTTENGER WITHROW, '87. Local editor-elect of *Transcript*; cor. sec.; Ohio Wesleyan vice-president of the state association for the year '86. Jacksonborough, O.

JOHN HARDIN WATERHOUSE, '88. Delaware, O.

ERNEST ASHTON SMITH, '88. Piqua, O.

GEORGE ADDISON TALBERT, '88. Beaver Dam, Wis.

FRANCIS MERRICK STARR, '85. Druggist. Delaware, O.

XLVII.

FRANKLIN THEODORE PENNINGTON, '86. Valedictorian on Zetaganthean Society Annual; business manager of *Transcript*; junior orator Washington's birthday, '85; now a member of Delta. Tiffin, O.

FRANK LEMAR YOUNG, '89. Mt. Vernon, O.

DANIEL HENRY SOWERS, '89. Westville, O.

FREDERICK THEODORE JONES, '89. Employed in the Deposit Bank. Delaware, O.

EUGENE QUENTIN STARR, '89. Delaware, O.

CHARLES SKINNER MANLY, '88. Denver, Colo.

HARRY LESLIE LAMONT WEBB, '89. Steubenville, O.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER.

[The Phi, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.]

The University of Pennsylvania was established in 1755. Its college or undergraduate department comprises courses in arts, science, philosophy, finance and economy, and music. The university also has departments of law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and biology. In the course in arts there are one hundred and thirteen students; in science, two hundred and eight students; in philosophy, twenty; in finance, twenty-seven; in music, twelve; making a total of three hundred and eighty students for the college department. The total number of students in all departments is one thousand and twenty-eight.

The fraternities are Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Chi Phi. Chi Phi has no representation in the college department. Phi Gamma Delta is believed to be dead.

The Phi was founded in 1880, and usually has about thirteen members. Since 1881 the corresponding secretaries have been H. S. Stetler, F. H. Edsall, and R. S. Maison. Stetler has been chief of the district. C. R. Claghorn was at convention in 1881; and Stetler, W. E. Maison, and R. S. Maison in 1883.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

CHARLES RICK DUNDORE, '85. Banking. Present address, New York City; former address, 1424 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

HENRY LIPPINCOTT PATTERSON, '85. Studying law. 640 N. Fifteenth street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM EMOTT MAISON, '85. Took honors every year; editor on *Record* of '85; orator on commencement; now at General Theological School in New York City. Temporary address, corner Twentieth street and Ninth avenue, New York, N. Y.; permanent address, 6901 Woodland avenue, West Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. THOMAS BUDD BRADFORD, '84, med. A. B., Princeton, '81. Present address, Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; home, Dover, Del.

XLIV.

HOWARD ATLEE DAVIS, '83 law. 1206 Spring Garden street, Philadelphia, Pa.

*SAMUEL EDWARD SCOTT, '82. Graduated with honors; commencement orator. Home was Philadelphia, Pa. Died in 1883.

DR. NATHAN PENROSE GRIMM, '85 med. Appointed resident physician at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, in '85; appointed physician at Episcopal hospital in March, '86. Residence, 217 W. Miner street, West Chester, Pa.

XLV.

DR. HOBART AMORY HARE, '84 med. Thesis prize; Fiske fund prize of the R. I. State Medical Society in June, '85; now matriculate in veterinary department; assistant in physical diagnosis; attending physician in the dispensary for diseases of children. 113 S. Twenty-second street, Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. JOHN MARION BRADFORD, '84 med. Eighth and Cumberland streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM ROBINSON COCHRANE, '85 med. Ph. B., Western University of Pennsylvania, '82; on state geological survey. 75 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

FRANK HYNARD EDSALL, '85 med. Now studying in Europe. Hamburg, Sussex county, N. Y.

ROBERT STEPHEN MAISON, '87. 6901 Woodland avenue, West Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CALVIN JONES IRVIN, '85 med. 1900 N. Thirteenth street, Philadelphia, Pa.

XLVI.

DR. GUSTAV ADOLPH RENZ, '84 med. Degrees of Ph. G. and M. D. Corner Summit avenue and Oxford street, St. Paul, Minn.

DR. MARK HALFPENNY LINCOLN, '85 med. Laurelton, Pa.

DR. FRANKLIN MORE STEPHENS, '85 med. Honorable mention and M. D. '85. Home, Bentleysville, Pa.; present address, Oswego, N. Y.

HENRY PRICE BALL, '87. Honors in '86. 4533 Frankford avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

FREDERICK COLTON CLARKE, '87. 134 N. Twenty-first street, Philadelphia, Pa.

ALFRED WEEKS, JR., '86. 4051 Locust street, Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN PHILIP KRECKER, '87. 134 N. Twenty-first street, Philadelphia, Pa.

XLVII.

DR. LOUIS P. COATES, '85 med. Carlett P. O., Va.

GEORGE FETTEROLF, '87. Address, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.

XLVIII.

GEORGE CLAY BOWKER, '88. Was manager-in-chief of *University Magazine*. 4375 Main street, Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pa.

GEORGE ALBERT FREYER, '86 law. 515 Wal-

RANDOLPH MACON CHAPTER.

[The Xi, at Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Va.]

Randolph Macon College, founded in 1832, is the property of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. The students are not divided into classes. Degrees are conferred in arts, philosophy, and science. There are eight instructors and about one hundred and twenty-five students. Women are not admitted.

Southern Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, and Kappa Sigma Kappa have chapters.

The Xi was founded in 1873. Its recent corresponding secretaries have been R. E. L. Holmas, H. L. Stuart, G. T. Patton, and Geo. Shipley. M. H. Albin was at convention in 1882, and H. L. Stuart in 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

HARRY LEE STUART, '85. Orator at the annual debate and medalist of Franklin Literary Society, '81-'82; declamation prize Franklin Literary Society, '83-'84; English prize, '83-'84; editor *Randolph Macon Monthly*; cor. sec.; practicing law. Gainesville, Tex.

ROBERT WINFREE, '87. Lynchburg, Va.

XLIV.

OTHO FRED. MEARS, '86. Public debater of the Washington Literary Society, '82; now at University of Virginia. Pungoteague, Va.

HENRY LEE WINFREE, '86. In business. Lynchburg, Va.

GEORGE TAZEWELL PATTON, '86. Cor. sec.; now in business in Richmond. Permanent address, Ashland, Va.

JAMES LINDSAY PATTON, '86. Ashland, Va.

XLV.

PERCY ROWE, '86. Orator; public debater Washington Literary Society, '84; manager *Randolph Macon Monthly*; teaching. Permanent address, Bowling Green, Va.; temporary address, Murfreesboro, N. C.

MUSCOL LIVINGSTONE SHACKELFORD, '86. Editor *Monthly*; public debater and orator, '86. 1413 I street, Washington, D. C.

THOMAS JACKSON BLAND, '88. Studying medicine. Little Plymouth, Va.

JOHN SUMMERFIELD HOBSON, '88. In business. Lynchburg, Va.

XLVI.

GARLAND BUFFINGTON, '88. Out of college. Huntington, W. Va.

PETER CLINE BUFFINGTON, '89. Huntington, W. Va.

ROBERT WILLIAMS PATTON, '89. Ashland, Va.

PEYTON BROWNE WINFREE, '89. Lynchburg, Va.

XLVII.

GEORGE SHIPLEY, '87. Cor. sec.; manager *Randolph Macon Monthly*. Moorefield, W. Va.

CHARLES CARROLL HERING, '88. Public debater, '86. Cross Keys, Va.

JORDAN JOSIAH LEAKE, '89. Ashland, Va.

WILLIAM ANDREW GIBBONS, '89. Yancey, Va.

RICHMOND CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Kappa, at Richmond College, Richmond, Va.]

In the undergraduate department of Richmond College there are eight professors and about one hundred and fifty students. The only degrees are those of A. B. and A. M. The students are not divided into classes. The college is chiefly a Baptist institution.

The fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, southern Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Phi Alpha Chi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Alpha Kappa dates from 1870. Tracy McKenzie, W. R. Thomas, E. B. Pollard, and G. B. Stacy have been the corresponding secretaries since the Chicago convention. J. G. Field, Jr., and E. B. Pollard have been chiefs of the district. M. B. Curry attended convention in '81; W. R. Thomas in '82; and C. D. Roy and P. Y. Tupper in '85.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

JAMES ARTHUR BORUM, '83. Portsmouth, Va.
FRANK DEWEY TABB, '83. Portsmouth, Va.
W. WARREN TALLEY, A. B. '84. Editor *Messenger*; afterwards with Omicron; now at Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.; home, Lynchburg, Va.

WILLIAM RUSSELL THOMAS, '83. Cor. sec. 113 E. Grace street, Richmond, Va.

AMZI WADDLE HOOKER. Afterwards with Beta Beta. Lexington, Miss.

XLIV.

GEORGE WASHINGTON QUICK, A. B. '85. Editor *Messenger*; debater's medal; essay medal; final orator '85. Temporary address, Theological Seminary, Chester, Penn; home, Farmwell, Va.

ALEXANDER McIVER BOSTICK, A. B. '85. Editor *Messenger*; Gwin medalist; essay medal. Lawtonville, S. C.

LAFAYETTE RUPERT HAMBERLIN, '84. Editor *Messenger*; Steel medalist; Woods medalist; valedictorian; teaching. Shreveport, La.

XLV.

EDWARD BAGBY POLLARD, '86. Editor *Messenger*; Steel medalist; improvement in debate medal; essay medal; valedictorian; cor. sec. and chief of district. 2316 E. Grace street, Richmond, Va.

HENRY HERBERT HARRIS, JR. Address, Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

THOMAS NEAL FERRELL, '85. Base-ball nine. Danville, Va.

ALFRED BAGBY, JR., A. B. '85. Tanner medalist. Teaching at Mechum's River, Va.; home, Stevensville, Va.

WILLIAM ROBERT FITZGERALD, '85. Danville, Va.

LEROY SPRINGS LYON, '86. 13 S. Fifth street, Richmond, Va.

WILLIAM ELAM TANNER, JR., '89. 216 S. Third street, Richmond, Va.

XLVI.

FRANK LYON, '85. 13 S. Fifth street, Richmond, Va.

CHARLES DUNBAR ROY, '87. Editor *Messenger*. 18 Ellis street, Atlanta, Ga.

ROBERT ALEXANDER CUTLER, '88. 802 W. Marshall street, Richmond, Va.

XLVII.

GEORGE BEN STACY, '88. Initiated at Psi. 406 E. Cary street, Richmond, Va.

ALEXANDER MITCHELL CARROLL, '88. Asheville, N. C.

CURTIS LEE LAWS, '89. Aldie, Va.

CORNELIUS TIMOTHY SMITH, JR., '89. Childsburg, Va.

RUSSELL CHAMPION WILLIAMS, '88. 709 W. Grace street, Richmond, Va.

RUTGERS CHAPTER.

[The Beta Gamma, at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.]

Rutgers College, founded as Queen's College in 1770, was formerly controlled by the Reformed (Dutch) church in America, but is now unsectarian. It has in the college proper seventeen professors and one hundred and twenty students. There is under the management of the college a preparatory school, which has about the same number of students as the college. A theological seminary is also closely connected with the college.

The fraternities are Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, and Chi Psi. Class societies are Alpha Phi (junior), Kappa Alpha Sigma (sophomore), and Gamma Phi (freshman).

The Beta Gamma was founded in 1871 as the Alpha of Alpha Sigma Chi. R. J. Wortendyke, J. W. McKelvey, L. F. Ruf, and E. M. Alden have been the corresponding secretaries since 1881. Dr. W. H. Watson was a director for the three years ending in 1883.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WILLIAM HENRY BARNES, '85. Business manager of the *Targum*; Cook mineralogical prize; Phi Beta Kappa; address to the president class day. East Hampton, N. Y.

XLIV.

CHARLES WILLIAM HARRISON, '85. Was special student in chemistry, and not a candidate for a degree; on ball nine; now studying medicine. Verona, N. J.

JOHN BARTLETT ALDEN, '82. Spader prize for essay on modern history, and several minor prizes; editor of *Targum*; now on the editorial staff *Brooklyn Times*. Brooklyn, N. Y.; former address, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

LAWRENCE EDMUND McCABE, '87. Took sophomore prize for oratory in Philo; was one of the editors of the *Scarlet Letter*; member of junior society. East Hampton, N. Y.

ARTHUR COYLE PAYNE, '85. Phi Beta Kappa; prize for best thesis at graduation; planter of ivy, class day. College Point, L. I., N. Y.

XLV.

FRANK WILLIAM RIBBLE, '86. East Millstone, N. J.

XLVI.

SAMUEL DE WITT DRURY, '89. Rhinebeck, N. Y.

HENRY LIVINGSTONE RUPERT, '88. Member of freshman and sophomore societies. East Millstone, N. J.

EDWIN MOORE ALDEN, '88. Took freshman prize for oratory in Peitho; cor. sec.; member and associate founder of freshman society; member of sophomore society. Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

WALTER ALMER BARROWS, JR., '88. Special student in chemistry; member and associate founder of freshman society; member of sophomore society. Mt. Holly, N. J.

ISAAC WRIGHT REYNOLDS, '88. Member of freshman and sophomore societies. Montrose, N. Y.

XLVII.

SAMUEL DODDS, '88. Special student in chemistry; member of freshman and sophomore societies. Anna, Ill.

ALBERT BODWELL HARRISON, '89. Irvington, N. J.

JOSEPH BORDEN REYNOLDS, '86. Phi Beta Kappa; has an appointment for class day. Bordentown, N. J.

ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER.

[The Beta Zeta, at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.]

St. Lawrence University is the only Universalist college in New York. It embraces a college and a theological school. In the college there are six instructors and about sixty students. Women are admitted.

Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega are the fraternities. They have halls in the college buildings.

The Beta Zeta was founded in 1875. For several years it published the college annual, *The Gridiron*. It has many peculiar traditions, and is one of the most enthusiastic chapters in the fraternity. The recent corresponding secretaries have been Geo. S. Conkey, Frank T. Post, Arthur E. Forbes, A. B. Church, and E. S. K. Merrell. Forbes has been chief of the district. The chapter was represented at the convention of 1881 by W. Fitzgibbons; at that of 1882 by Conkey and Post; at that of 1883 by C. M. Baker, R. E. Sykes, and Geo. B. Helmle; at that of 1884 by Helmle; and at that of 1885 by R. P. Barnes.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIH.

GEORGE BERNARD HELMLE, B. S. '85. Russell prize for oratory, and Parker prize for composition; military editor and reviser of *Brooklyn Times*. Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

CLEMENT MORELLE BAKER, B. A. '85. Instructor of Latin in the college. Canton, N. Y.; former address, Whitney's Point, N. Y.

XLIV.

ARTHUR ELBRIDGE FORBES, B. S. '85. Cor. sec. and chief; editor of the *Oxford Democrat*. Paris, Me.

RODNEY PERCY BARNES, '86. Madrid, N. Y.
AUGUSTUS BYINGTON CHURCH, '86. Rich prize in oratory. Sherborne, N. Y.

HOLTON DANIEL ROBINSON, '86. Massena, N. Y.

*FREDERIC FRANCIS AMIE LIOTARD, '86. Canton, N. Y. Died 1883.

XLV.

NOBLE HENRY ADSIT, B. S. '84. Student of medicine. Potsdam, N. Y.

HENRY MARSHALL SMITH, '87. Has left college. Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM THOMAS CRISLER, '87. Petersburg, Ky.

JOHN A. CRANSTON, '87. Madrid, N. Y.
THOMAS E. DALTON, '87. Russell prize in oratory. Chase's Mills, N. Y.

WARNER BONNEY MATTESON, '87. First Rich prize in oratory. Hermon, N. Y.

JOHN W. RAFFERTY, '87. Second Rich prize in oratory. West Pierpont, N. Y.

XLVI.

WILLISTON MANLEY, '88. Second Russell prize in oratory. Canton, N. Y.

EDGAR SANFORD KEEN MERRELL, '87. Present cor. sec.; third Rich prize in oratory. Lonville, N. Y.

FRANK YALE ADAMS, '88. York mathematical prize of '85. Whitney's Point, N. Y.

WILLIAM GAINES, '87. Burlington, Ky.

XLVII.

JOHN MONTGOMERY RICH, '87. Canton, N. Y.

CHARLES AVERILL RICH, '87. Canton, N. Y.
EVERETT CALDWELL, '89. Canton, N. Y.

HENRY ALLEN ABBOTT, '89. West Sumner, Me.

JOHN MURRAY ATWOOD, '89. Canton, N. Y.

STEVENS CHAPTER.

[The Sigma, at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.]

Stevens Institute is a school of mechanical engineering, well known in engineering circles throughout Europe and America. Mathematics, physics, and chemistry, with a vast amount of practical work in the physical, electrical, mechanical, and chemical laboratories and the work-shop, are its specialties; but there is also full instruction in modern languages, English, mechanical drawing, etc. The course is of four years and leads to the degree of mechanical engineer. There are fourteen instructors and about one hundred and seventy-five students. There is also a preparatory department.

There are chapters of Theta Xi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Chi Psi, and Chi Phi.

The Sigma was founded in 1875. H. F. Mitchell, R. L. Fearn, C. A. Hall, Rollin Morris, E. G. Coldewey, and J. L. Coker, Jr., have held the position of corresponding secretary since 1881. Pierce Butler and W. R. Baird attended the convention in '81, the latter being secretary; Butler and T. G. Smith, Jr., in '82; Fearn, E. F. Lewis, O. H. Baldwin, W. S. Dilworth, and Baird in '83; G. E. Cook and E. G. Coldewey in '84; and Hall and Smith in '85. Baird has been a chief of district, an editor of the magazine, and historiographer. Fearn is now an editor of the magazine.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

MOSES YALE BEACH, '85. Editor *Eccentric*; now editor *Daily Graphic*. New York, N. Y.
EDWARD FOX LEWIS, '85. On foot-ball team; *Eccentric* editor; is now draughting for Farrel Foundry and Machine Co. Waterbury, Conn.

THOMAS GARDINER SMITH, JR., M. E., '85. On lacrosse team; *Bolt* editor; cor. sec.; now with the St. Louis & Pittsburgh division of the Pa. R. R., at Indianapolis, Ind. Home, Oak street, Cincinnati, O.

XLIV.

OSCAR HOWARD BALDWIN, M. E., '85. Foot-ball captain; with Phineas Jones & Co. Newark, N. J.

EDWARD FRANCIS WHITE, '86. Came from Beta Gamma. Bergen Point, N. J.

GEORGE EDWARD COOK, '86. In business. Canton, O.

CORNELIUS JAMES FIELD, '86. Business manager of lacrosse team, glee club, *Bolt*, and *Indicator*. Brooklyn, N. Y.

JOHN CHATELLIER, '86. In business. New York, N. Y.

ROLLIN NORRIS, M. E., '85. Cor. sec.; lacrosse captain; with Bartlett, Hayward & Co., Baltimore, Md. Home, Ilchester, Md.

GEORGE FLEMING SANDT, M. E., '84. A. B., Lafayette College, '82; with Edison Electric Light Co., New York, N. Y. Home, Easton, Pa.

WILLIAM OLIVER BARNES, M. E., '84. *Bolt* editor; with Barnes & Peel, Paterson, N. Y.

LEWIS BAKER, JR., '86. Now editor of *St. Paul Reporter*, St. Paul, Minn; former address, Wheeling, W. Va.

XLV.

FRANK ALLEN MAGEE, M. E., '83. With the Commercial Tel. Co., New York, N. Y.

HENRY BANNER EVERHART, '86. *Bolt* editor. Montgomery, Ala.

HENRY LAWRENCE GANTT, M. E., '84. Lacrosse team; from Alpha Chi; with Poole & Hunt, Baltimore, Md.

WILLIAM COMBE POST, '86. Foot-ball team; lacrosse captain. Jersey City Heights, N. J.

CHARLES ANDREWS HALL, '87. Cor. sec.; lacrosse team. Mobile, Ala.

XLVI.

DRUID ALEXANDER WALTON, '87. Louisville, Ky.

HENRY ABBEY, M. E., '85. Lacrosse team; *Bolt* and *Indicator* editor; Soltmann prize for draughting; with Cowles Electric Smelting Co., Lockport, N. Y. Home, Cleveland, O.

EDWARD GEORGE COLDWEY, '87. Cor. sec.; foot-ball and lacrosse teams; now at Sheffield Scientific School, '87. Present address, New Haven, Conn.; home, Louisville, Ky.

HARRY CARR FERRIS, '88. Foot-ball and lacrosse teams; came from Beta Alpha. Cleveland, O.

WILLIAM CLARK HAWKINS, '88. Lacrosse team. Taunton, Mass.

RANDOLPH MOORE ISAAC, '88. Lacrosse team; record of 100 yard dash, one-quarter mile run, and standing broad jump; left college. Towson, Md.

JAMES LIDE COKER, '88. Cor. sec.; *Indicator* editor. Darlington, S. C.

XLVII.

MILLARD CALDWELL HAMILTON, '88. Omaha, Neb.

RUSSELL HUMPHREY SMITH, '88. Initiated at Alpha Pi. Chicago, Ill.

LEONARD GREGORY PAINE, '86. Initiated at Beta Eta. Bangor, Me.

JAMES HENRY SHELDON, '89. Foot-ball team. Hoboken, N. J.

EDWIN MAY DRUMMOND, '88. Louisville, Ky.

ALEXANDER WOLFGANG MACK, '88. Raritan, N. J.

LEWIS CHARLES MACK, '89. Raritan, N. J.

UNION CHAPTER.

[The Nu, at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.]

Union College was founded in 1795. In 1873 it absorbed a medical school, a law school, and an observatory, all situated in Albany; and since then the official name of the institution has been Union University. The college department has eighteen instructors and about one hundred and forty students. There are prescribed classical, scientific, and engineering courses. The institution is not controlled by any religious denomination; and the name is intended to signify that in establishing the college several denominations co-operated.

The fraternities are Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Delta Theta. Chapters have from six to fifteen members.

The Nu was founded in 1881, and its corresponding secretaries have been J. W. Adams, F. D. Hall, W. H. Robinson, and K. C. Radliff. Hall has been chief of the district. Adams attended convention in 1882; J. R. Van Ness, Hall, and A. B. Bishop in 1883; and Hall in 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

JAMES ROBERTSON VAN NESS, '83. Commencement orator; prize for best examination in U. S. constitution; editor of *Garnet*; practicing law. Permanent address, Osborne's Bridge, Fulton county, N. Y.; temporary address, Northville, N. Y.

ALVOID CALVIN EGELSTON, '85. Junior essay prize; commencement orator; editor of *Concordiensis*; teaching. Permanent address, Gloversville, N. Y.; temporary address, Homewood, Cook county, Ill.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON VAN VRANKEN, '85. Left Union at end of sophomore year; entered class of '86 at Cornell and became a member of Beta Delta. Address, Lisha's Kill, N. Y.

XLIV.

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON, '85. Cor. sec.; left Union at the end of junior and entered the class of '85 at Princeton College; now at Princeton Theological School. West Hebron, N. Y.

ALVIN BARBER BISHOP, '85. Commencement orator; second Blatchford prize; class poet; editor of *Garnet*; Phi Beta Kappa; teaching. Warwick, N. Y.

FRANCIS ELIHU CRANE, '85. Commencement orator; Schenectady, N. Y.

CORNELIUS WELLS DE BAUN, '86. Left college and entered class of '86 at Albany Medical College. Fonda, N. Y.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN SHICK, '86. Left Union

NELSON JOSEPH GULICK, '87. Broadalbin N. Y.

JOHN ERICSSON CLUTE, '87. Editor *Garnet*; left Union and entered class of '88 at Columbia Medical College, where he is now a member of Alpha Alpha. Schenectady, N. Y.

XLVI.

JULIUS THEODORE WILLIAM KASTENDIECK, '87. Left Union and is now studying medicine in the New York Homeopathic College. Schenectady, N. Y.

DOW VROMAN, '87. Editor of *Garnet*. Middleburgh, N. Y.

WILLIAM FRAZIER PETERS, '88. Left college at end of first term freshman year. Ripley, O.

FRANK HOPKINS SILVERNAIL, '88. Valatie, N. Y.

FRANK DUDLEY LEWIS, '88. Editor of *Concordiensis*. Amsterdam, N. Y.

ALLEN J. DILLINGHAM, '88. Schenectady, N. Y.

GEORGE WEED BARHYDT, '85. Clerk of U. C. Senate; second Allen essay prize; now studying for the ministry at Middletown, Conn. Schenectady, N. Y.

XLVII.

PHILIP HENRY COLE, '88. Red Hook, N. Y.

EDWARD BERNARD COBURN, '88. Troy, N. Y.

ARTHUR MOUL HARDER, '87. Troy, N. Y.

NORMAN DAVID FISH, '89. Ballston Spa, N. Y.

VANDERBILT CHAPTER.

[The Beta Lambda, at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.]

Vanderbilt University was founded in 1873. It is controlled by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Besides the college departments there are schools of theology, law, medicine, pharmacy, and dentistry. There are about three hundred students in the college department. There is no division into college classes. Degrees are conferred in arts, philosophy, science, and engineering. Women are not admitted. There are about four hundred students in the professional schools. In the whole university there are about fifty instructors. The grounds and buildings are very attractive. The endowment is nearly one million dollars.

The fraternities are Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, the Rainbow, southern Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chi Phi, and Sigma Nu. Membership varies from six to twenty-five. The authorities were for years hostile to fraternities; but all restrictions were removed in 1883.

The petition from Vanderbilt was before the fraternity for several years. On account of the anti-fraternity laws the petition could not be granted. From time to time the Cumberland chapter was, by dispensation, allowed to elect and initiate Vanderbilt men. As soon as the hostile laws were repealed, the petition was sent to the chapter in the short way. It was granted, and on February 23d, 1884, the Beta Lambda was established. The corresponding secretaries have been C. L. Jungerman, J. B. Ellis, J. H. Harris, A. J. Barbee, and Alfred Hume. Jungerman and Ellis have been chiefs of the district. Jungerman, J. J. G. Ruhm, and W. T. Guild attended the convention of 1884.

XLVI.—The Founders.

(XLIV.)

HENRY EUGENE HARLAN. Member of the Beta Beta. Macon, Miss.

ROBERT PETER WHITESELL, B. L., '83. Lawyer, firm Harpole & Whitesell. Union City, Tenn.

CHARLES LEE JUNGEMAN, B. E., '83. Cor. sec.; chief. Architect. Cole building, Nashville, Tenn.

CHAS. E. K. S. POWELL, B. A., '83. Philosophic improvement medal, '82; studied law at University of Michigan, and graduated at Columbian Law School. Washington, D. C.

JOSEPHUS CONN GUILD, '83. Prize scholarship in engineering; architect and engineer. Chattanooga, Tenn.

LINN WHITE, B. E., '83, C. E., '84. Paducah, Ky.

WILLIAM EDWARD MYER. Scholarship (\$100); merchant. Carthage, Tenn.

EDWARD HAMILTON BOWSER. Prize scholarship in engineering; gymnasium instructor, '82-'83; engineer. McMeekin, Fla.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BLACKWELL. Bartlett, Tenn.

EDWARD WAIDE THOMPSON. Prize scholarship in chemistry; studied chemistry at University of Pennsylvania; with the firm of Thompson & Kelly. Nashville, Tenn.

JOHN HARRIS KELLEY. Prize scholarship in chemistry; assistant instructor in chemistry at Vanderbilt University, '85-'86; chemist with Nashville Fertilizer Co. Nashville, Tenn.

CHARLES CHRISTMAS BURROWS. Merchant. Morrilton, Ark.

EUGENE JACKSON BUFFINGTON. Merchant. Covington, Ky.

ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON DUDLEY. Contestant for Young medal, '83. Richmond, Va.

SAMUEL COLE WILLIAMS, B. L., '84. President of Dialectic; B. A. '81 and valedictorian of Humboldt College; Moot Court representative, '84; lawyer, firm of Rawlins & Williams, Humboldt, Tenn.

JOHN JACOB GREGORY RUHM. Studied chemistry at University of Illinois; now at Cumberland studying law. Nashville, Tenn.

CHILTON A. McDONALD. Versailles, Ky.

JAMES WILLIAM MCCLURE. Cor. sec.; medal in mathematics at Central University, Ky.; commercial traveler. Temporary address, Cincinnati, O.; permanent address, Winchester, Ky.

HARRY LEE BRANNON, M. D., '85. One year at Emory College; physician. Eufaula, Fla.

THOMAS PETTUS BRANCH, B. E., '86. Prize scholarship in engineering; engineer. Cuthbert, Va.

(XLV.)

JOE BLACKBURN ELLIS, B. A., '85. Fellow in English, '85-'86; cor. sec.; chief; chief marshal of V. U., '82-'83; business manager of *Observer*. Glasgow, Ky.

COLEMAN CLARKE SLAUGHTER, B. A., '85. President of Dialectic; vice-president of State Oratorical Association; contestant for Dialectic medal; teacher. Present address, Woolwine High School, Nashville, Tenn.; permanent address, Hopkinsville, Ky.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER ALTSHELER. Scholarship in Latin; reporter on Louisville *Courier-Journal*. Louisville, Ky.

ALLEN GARLAND HALL, B. L. '83. Contestant for Founder's medal in oratory; president

enville, Ala., Female College '83-'84;
Cole building, Nashville, Tenn.

S. WESLEY BEALE, M. A., '81, B. L., '83.
His department medals in academic, '81,
'83; Owen prize medal, '81; prize scholar-
ship in natural history and geology; fellowship
in natural history and geology; lawyer. Cole
g., Nashville, Tenn.

S. LEWIS THORNBURG, B. S. '81, B. E.
'83, Ph. D. '84. Prize scholarship in
his course; fellow in mathematics '81-'83;
in engineering '83-'84; assistant instructor
in engineering since '84. Vanderbilt University,
Nashville, Tenn.

ALLEN PUSEY, B. A. '85. Class repre-
sentative; scholarship in Greek; president of
club; fellow in history, '85-'86. Elizabeth-
town, Ky.

CRUCE. Contestant for Young medal
in dialectic anniversarian; lawyer. Marion,

ERT F. HIBBITT. High trapeze athlete
in Louisville, Ky.

ARD BENJAMIN DAVIS. At Ohio
College '82-'83; artist and chemist. Nashville,

S. ADOLPHUS CALDWELL. Now at the
Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.,
teaching architecture. Macon, Ga.

JAMIN F. TAYLOR. Business manager of
the paper; now on the *New York World*. New
York, N. Y.

TON WORTH BONHAM. Franklin, Mo.

LIAM THOMPSON GUILD. Contestant
for philosophic medal '85 and for Dialectic medal
in Nashville, Tenn.

ES CLIFTON FERRELL, B. A. '85. Fel-
low in Greek '85-'86. Hopkinsville, Ky.

XLVI.

RED HUME, '87. Captain engineering
club; cor. sec. 518 Woodland street,
Nashville, Tenn.

McPHERSON LAUDER. Graduated
at honor at Wofford College; scholarship
in natural history and geology;
geologist. Williamston, S. C.

JAMES ALEXANDER HARRIS, '86. Con-
testant for declaimer's medal '84; representative
of class of '86; representative of Dialectic Literary
Society in inter-state oratorical contest; cor. sec.
Jonesboro, Tenn.

JOHN L. W. SLAUGHTER. Lawyer. Owen-
son, Ky.

JAMES PERRIN SMITH. Graduated at Wofford
College; fellow in natural history and geology;
pitcher on ball nine. Spartanburg, S. C.

JOHN BROOKS ROBERTSON, '88. Guilford,
Ind.

ALLAN JONES BARBEE, '87. Cor. sec.; mer-
chant. Ripley, Tenn.

JOSEPH ANDREW GUTHRIE, '88. Versailles,
Ky.

WRIGHT HUNTER, '86. Louisville, Ga.

AUSTIN L. PREWETT, B. L. '85. Lawyer.
Columbia, Tenn.

TYLER CALHOUN, '88. Nashville, Tenn.

XLVII.

GRANVILLE ALLISON, '88. Nashville, Tenn.

WILLIAM CHARLES BRANHAM, '86. Con-
testant for Dialectic declaimer's medal. Nash-
ville, Tenn.

ANDREW BROWN LEARNED, '89. Member
of the Beta Beta. Natchez, Miss.

JOHN LYLE SUMMERS, '86 law. A. B. and
valedictorian, Emory and Henry College, '84;
clerk of Vanderbilt Moot Court. Morristown,
Tenn.

WILLIAM BLYTHE WARD, '89. Jefferson,
Tex.

WM. ROBERTS PATTEN, '89. Chattanooga,
Tenn.

LUCIUS SALISBURY MERRIAM, '89. Chat-
tanooga, Tenn.

ALFRED BROWN PUSEY, '89. Elizabethtown,
Ky.

XLVIII.

ROBERT DONALD GOODLETT, JR., '89. Nash-
ville, Tenn.

WALTER GILL KIRKPATRICK, '86. Scholar-
ship in mathematics; Owen prize medal; fellow-
ship in engineering. Nashville, Tenn.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHAPTER.

[The Omicron, at the University of Virginia, University of Virginia Post-office, Va.]

At the University of Virginia the courses of study are not prescribed and the students are not divided into classes. Each branch of instruction is termed a school. Thus there are the schools of Latin, Greek, modern languages, moral philosophy, mathematics, and so on. In each school there are several classes. Each student studies in such schools as he pleases; but if he expects to receive a degree he must finally complete in the several schools a course that is practically equivalent to the course that would secure the same degree in an ordinary college. This system originated in this university, and is found in many southern institutions. In the department of medicine there are about one hundred students; in the department of law, about eighty-five; and in the literary and scientific department about two hundred.

The fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Phi, Sigma Chi, Delta Psi, Mystic Seven, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, southern Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, and Kappa Sigma Kappa.

The Omicron was founded in 1850. From the beginning, and especially in recent years, it has been largely composed of members coming from other colleges. C. B. Parkhill, N. R. Clarke, M. H. Albin, W. W. Talley, and W. F. McLeod have been the corresponding secretaries since 1881. W. N. Smith, W. C. White, and N. R. Clarke have recently been chiefs of districts. W. M. Atkinson was at convention in 1881; C. Skinner in 1882; J. E. Heath in 1883; W. C. White and H. C. Warren in 1884; and G. R. Lockwood in 1885. C. M. Hepburn, of Omicron, was, for several years, an editor of the BETA THETA PI.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

DR. CORNELIUS SKINNER. Initiated at Epsilon. Louisville, Ky.; former address, Danville, Ky.

WILLIAM HOWARD PERKINSON. Initiated at Alpha Phi. Petersburg, Va.

JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER, JR. Editor of *Virginia University Magazine*; initiated at Pi Rho. Richmond, Va.

RICHARD BROOKS MAURY, JR. Memphis, Tenn.

ALEXANDER TAYLOR PATTON. Initiated at Alpha Theta. Bentivoglio, Va.

*OBADIAH JENNINGS WISE. Initiated at Alpha Theta. Gordonsville, Va. Died in 1884.

XLIV.

NORBORNE ROBERTSON CLARKE. Cor. sec. and chief; initiated at Alpha Mu. Demopolis, Ala.

MARTIN HIRST ALBIN. Bachelor of law '84; cor. sec.; initiated at Xi. St. Paul, Minn.; former address, Winchester, Va.

XLV.

CHARLES FORD WOODS. Initiated at Alpha, Mu. Carthage, Ala.

JOHN JOSEPH ATKINSON. Initiated at Zeta. Gonzales, Tex.

BENJAMIN JAMES FITZPATRICK. Montgomery, Ala.

DAVID THORNTON EDWARDS. Bachelor of law, '85; initiated at Epsilon. Versailles, Ky.

JAMES WILLIAM KERN. Degree of Ph. D. '85. White Post, Va.

XLVI.

THOMAS SHIELDS LYON. Bachelor of law '84. Galveston, Tex.

WILLIS HENRY BOCK. Initiated at Zeta. Hampden Sidney College, Va.

CHARLES EMORY JOHNSON. Initiated at Pi. Evansville, Ind.

DANIEL LYON HEATH. Initiated at Beta Beta. Coma, Miss.

ROBERT EDWARD LEE HOLMES. Bachelor of law '85; initiated at Xi. Ivor, Va.

ALEXANDER WATKINS TERRELL. Initiated at Xi. Lynchburg, Va.

WILLIAM WARREN TALLEY. Cor. sec.; initiated at Alpha Kappa. Lynchburg, Va.

ANDREW JACKSON MONTAGUE. Bachelor of law '85; initiated at Alpha Kappa. Jamaica, Va.

WILLIS FIELD MCLEOD. Cor. sec. Versailles, Ky.

WABASH CHAPTER.

[The Tau, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.]

Wabash is a Presbyterian college that was founded in 1832. It confers degrees in arts and in science. The courses are partially elective. There are twelve instructors and about one hundred and twenty undergraduates. There are also about seventy preparatory students. Women are not admitted.

There are chapters of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Chi.

The Tau dates from 1845. The corresponding secretaries since the Chicago convention have been J. F. Stutesman, R. S. Thomson, and Parke Daniels. W. H. Kent and J. E. Williamson were the representatives at the convention of 1881; Stutesman at that of 1882, and Chas. Wilson at that of 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

MORTON HENRY INSLEY, '85. Second prize sophomore declamation; left college at the end of sophomore year. Crawfordsville, Ind.

XLIV.

HERBERT RITCHIE HESS, '83. Student of law. Indianapolis, Ind.

PARKE DANIELS, '87. Prep. declamation prize, first; freshman declamation prize, first; on inter-society exhibition; editor of *Wabash*; cor. sec. Rockville, Ind.

XLV.

FREDERICK JAMES BIPPUS, '88. Hunting-ton, Ind.

FREDERICK WASHINGTON COOK, JR. Baldwin prize essayist; came from Pi; now studying at Heidelberg, Germany. Evansville, Ind.

DAVID HOWARD MAXWELL, '86. On society exhibition; sophomore declamation prize, first; junior essay prize, first; Baldwin prize essayist; came from Pi. Rockville, Ind.

SHERMAN ALLEN TROUT, '88. Prep.

declamation prize, second; left college at end of freshman year. Crawfordsville, Ind.

JOHN WILLIAM DOAK, '87. Sophomore declamation prize, second; on foot-ball eleven; now studying law; will resume college studies next year with '88. Paris, Ill.

XLVI.

HARRY GREENE, '88. Class officer. Crawfordsville, Ind.

ARTHUR ALBERT MCCAIN, '89. Prep. declamation prize, second. Crawfordsville, Ind.

JESSE AUSTIN GREENE, '89. Class officer. Crawfordsville, Ind.

LOUIS PERKINS CAIN, '90. Danville, Ill.

XLVII.

HOWE ALLEN CONDIT, '90. Terre Haute, Ind.

JOHN WESLEY KIEFF, '87. On foot-ball eleven; on inter-society contest exhibition; editor of *The Wabash*. Lafayette, Ind.

STANLEY CARNAHAN HUGHES, '89. Class officer. Richmond, Ind.

FRANK HARRISON BOUDINOT, '90. Terre Haute, Ind.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON CHAPTER.

[The Gamma, at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.]

Jefferson College at Cannonsburg and Washington College at Washington were, in 1865, united under the name of Washington and Jefferson, and Washington was made the site of the consolidated college. The institution is controlled by the Presbyterian church. The college department has eight instructors and about one hundred and fifty students. There is also a preparatory department. Women are not admitted.

There are chapters of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, and Alpha Tau Omega.

The Gamma was founded in 1842 at Jefferson College. A chapter was founded at Washington College in 1855. Upon the union of the colleges the chapters were consolidated. Since the convention of 1881 the corresponding secretaries have been J. S. Taylor, C. E. Irwin, J. M. Clarke, M. S. McKennan, and R. M. Brownson. R. P. Patterson and R. Harvey Young were delegates at the convention of 1881; and Patterson at that of 1884. R. Harvey Young was for years the general treasurer and a member of the board of directors.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL JACOB, '83. Wellsburg, W. Va.

XLIV.

JOHN McCracken THOMPSON, '86. Washington, Pa.

WILLIAM McKENNAN, '86. Washington, Pa.

ROBERT HAZLETT CUMMINS, '86. Wheeling, W. Va.

XLV.

ROBERT McKENNAN BROWNSON, '85. Cor. sec. Washington, Pa.

CLARENCE B. BAGULEY, '87. Wheeling, W. Va.

THOMAS RAMSEY McKENNAN, '89. Cor. sec. Washington, Pa.

XLVI.

MOORE STOCKTON McKENNAN, '89. Cor. sec. Washington, Pa.

WILLIAM JAMES FREDERICKS, '85. Burgettstown, Pa.

OLIVER McCLELLAN CAMPBELL, '85. Belleville, Pa.

SAMUEL JACOB, '86. Wellsburg, W. Va.

XLVII.

WALTER WORTHINGTON MEDILL, '86. Tiltonville, O.

JAMES DAVID JACK, '88. Carmon, Pa.

RUSH THOBURN JONES, '88. Washington, Pa.

WILLIAM ABSALOM BAIRD, '89. Washington, Pa.

BURT ALLISON BROWN, '89. Marchand, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER.

[The Beta, at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.]

The undergraduate department of Western Reserve is called the Adelbert College of Western Reserve University. For many years that department was at Hudson and was called Western Reserve College. The change of name and of location was made in 1882. In the college there are ten instructors and about one hundred students. Women are admitted. The university has a medical department at Cleveland and preparatory departments at Hudson and Green Springs. The Case School of Applied Science is in the immediate neighborhood of Adelbert College and answers the purpose of a scientific department; but, although it is managed in sympathy with the university, its government is wholly independent and it is not properly a department of Western Reserve.

Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Tau Delta have chapters in Adelbert. The membership varies from five to fifteen.

The Beta was established in 1841, just three months before the Ohio University chapter. N. C. Stevens, J. A. Rohbach, G. M. Fletcher, and L. A. Sadler have been the recent corresponding secretaries. Rohbach was chief of the district. Stevens was at convention of 1881; W. B. Parmelee and J. W. Andrews in 1882; Andrews in 1883; and Fletcher in 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIV.

THADDEUS DAY MCFARLAND, '85. Hudson, O.

JAMES THOMAS LEES, '86. Phi Beta Kappa; Greek oration; editor *Reserve*. Elmwood, Ill.

OLON LOUER, '86. Now at Alleghany College. Willoughby, O.

GEORGE MARCUS FLETCHER, '85. Studying law. Geneva, O.

CHARLES ALDEN WASHBURN, '86. Pittsfield, Mass.

XLV.

CHARLES JONES, '84. Mining engineer. Seattle, Wash. Terr.

HARRY STANLEY TAYLOR, '87. Law student. Willoughby, O.

LOREN ALONZO SADLER, '87. Hudson, O.

XLVI.

JOHN THADDEUS CARTER, '88. 1914 Walker street, Cleveland, O.

EDWARD PIERCE HALL, '88. Studying law Ashtabula, O.

THOMAS MARTIN KENNEDY, '88. 133 Lyman street, Cleveland, O.

JOHN FARIS BERRY, '88. Hudson, O.

EDWIN ALONZO CLARK, '87. Willoughby, O.

HENRY BURT HERRICK, '88. On ball nine. Chester Cross Roads, Geauga county, O.

STERLING PARKS, '88. Now at University of Michigan and member of Lambda. Collamer, O.

XLVII.

JULIAN DANA HARMON, '88. Warren, O.

CLAY HERRICK, '89. Collamer, O.

FRANCIS ANDERSON LYMAN, '89. Hilo, Hawaii, Sandwich Islands.

GEORGE ROBERT MCKAY, '89. Now at Ada College. Newburg, O.

CLAIRE FRANK LUTHER, '89. Painesville, O.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Delta, at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.]

Westminster is the only Presbyterian college in Missouri. Both the northern and the southern branches of the church participate in the management. The institution was chartered in 1853. The college department has six professors and about ninety students. There is a preparatory department. Women are not admitted.

The only fraternities are Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta.

The Alpha Delta was founded in 1868. Since 1881 the corresponding secretaries have been J. R. Moorehead, A. A. Wallace, B. H. Charles, Jr., and W. R. Dobyns. Morehead has been chief of the district. The delegates at the convention of 1881 were J. G. Trimble, J. R. Moorehead, and H. C. Evans; at that of '82, J. R. Moorehead and E. B. McClure; at that of '84, B. H. Charles, Jr., W. R. Dobyns, and E. F. McCausland; and at that of '85, W. R. Dobyns, B. H. Charles, Jr., and F. W. Sneed.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

EDWIN FOUCHE McCausland, '86. Anniversary orator Philalethian Society in '85. Dardenne, Mo.

THOMAS TRAVIS TRIMBLE, '85. Student at Southwestern Presbyterian University. Home, Santa Fe, Mo.

XLIV.

WALTER HENSIL BRADLEY, '86. Anniversary orator Philalethian Society, '84; Dalton essay prize '85. Foley, Mo.

GEORGE DONELLAN, '87. Druggist. Independence, Mo.

XLV.

JOHN MOSBY GRANT, '86. Anniversary orator Philalethian Society '85; Harrison declamation prize, '84. Williamsburg, Mo.

LEROY JONES, '85. Anniversary orator Philalethian Society '84; student of medicine. Sedalia, Mo.

WILLIAM RAY DOBYNS, '87. Marquess oratorical prize '85; anniversary orator Philalethian Society '86; cor. sec. Austin, Tex.

FRANK WOODFORD SNEED, '87. Anniversary orator Philalethian Society, '83; Marquess prize for oratory '84. Sedalia, Mo.

XLVI.

WILLIAM HARRISON, JR., '88. Student in pharmacy. McCredie, Mo.

JOSEPH WILLIAM CHARLES, '87. Anniversary orator Philologic Society, '85. Fulton, Mo.

HUGH ALEXANDER ROBERTS, '88. Trimble Latin prize '84. St. Charles, Mo.

XLVII.

ROBERT LEE SIMPSON, '87. Anniversary orator Philalethian Society '86; cor. sec. Paris, Mo.

GEORGE RICHMOND MOULTON, '88. Foster mathematical prize '84; farmer. Independence, Mo.

CHARLES FRANCIS NESBITT, '88. Anniversary orator Philologic Society, '86. Washington, D. C.

HOWARD SUTHERLAND, '89. 2635 Chestnut street. St. Louis, Mo.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Pi, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.]

The University of Wisconsin is a state institution. In the undergraduate department there are thirty-three instructors and about four hundred students. Women are admitted. The studies are largely elective. Degrees are conferred in arts, letters, science, agriculture, and engineering. There is a law department, with seven instructors and about sixty students.

The fraternities are Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Sigma Chi, and Delta Upsilon.

The Alpha Pi was founded in 1872. Since the convention of 1881 the corresponding secretaries have been E. C. Stevens, E. G. McGilton, L. P. Conover, and H. S. Shedd. Conover was chief of the district. At the convention of 1881 the representatives were H. L. Smith, Stanley Proudfit, and J. M. Dodson; at that of 1882, E. C. Stevens, B. G. Treat, and L. P. Conover; at that of 1884, Conover; and at that of 1885, J. N. Sanborn. The chapter rarely has more than eight or nine members.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

EWING LAW PATTERSON, '82. From Pi, Terre Haute, Ind.

FREDERICK MASON BROWN, '85. Madison, Wis.

RUGGLES STARR ROCKWELL, '84. Columbus, Wis.

LAWRENCE PETERSON CONOVER, '85. Cor. sec. Dayton, O.

XLIV.

CHARLES ISAAC EARLL, '85. Whitewater, Wis.

HENRY PAXON STODDART, '83. Black Earth, Wis.

CONRAD MARTINIUS CONRADSON, '83. Brooklyn, Wis.

XLV.

RODELL CURTIS WARNE, '85. Whitewater, Wis.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS TEALL '82 law. Fan

XLVI.

CHARLES MARCIUS MORRIS, '87. Madison, Wis.

GEORGE LANGSTAFF THAYER, '87. Norwood Park, Cook county, Ill.

RUSSELL HUMPHREY SMITH, '87. Chicago, Ill.

HENRY SPRAGUE SHEDD, '86. Cor. sec. From Chi. Whitewater, Wis.

JOHN LAWRENCE MITLAND, '88. Markesan, Wis.

XLVII.

ALFRED PHELPS DELANCY, '87. Whitewater, Wis.

WINFIELD ROBERT SMITH, '89. Milwaukee, Wis.

FREDERICK WILLIAM STEARNS, '89. Madison, Wis.

XLVIII.

JACOB JOHN SCHINDLER, '89. Monroe, Wis.

SEYMOUR SHEPARD COOK. Special student. Whitewater, Wis.

WITTENBERG CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Gamma, at Wittenberg College, Springfield, O.]

Wittenberg College belongs to the Lutheran church. It comprises theological, collegiate, and preparatory departments. In the collegiate department there are six instructors and, including a few women, about one hundred students.

Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Gamma Delta have chapters, with an average membership of twelve.

The Alpha Gamma was established in 1867. Its corresponding secretaries since 1881 have been S. S. Kauffman, S. E. Greenawalt, H. A. Williams, C. J. Pretzman, F. L. Sigmund, and J. S. Simon. Greenawalt is chief of the district. R. H. Grube was at convention in 1881; S. S. Kauffman, E. P. Otis, and W. A. Pugh in 1882; and C. J. Pretzman and R. C. Bancroft in 1884.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

CHARLES CLIFFORD PATTERSON, '84. Principal of High School. Bellefontaine, O.; former address, 228 West High street, Springfield, O.

ELLSWORTH OTIS, '87. Now at University of Michigan, studying law; member of Lambda. Winfield, O.

ARTHUR MERCEIN MANN, '85. Transferred to Theta. Clarksburg, O.

CHARLES JOHN PRETZMAN, '86. Cor. sec. 74 West High street, Springfield, O.

FRANK B. HEIBERTSHAUSEN, '86. Sulphur Springs, O.

HENRY ARCHER WILLIAMS, '85. First honor; editor *College Stylus*; cor. sec; studying law. 774 East Clifton street, Springfield, O.

EMOR W. SIMON, '84. Studying theology at Wittenberg Theological Seminary. New Lisbon, O.

ALLEN GARRETT BILLOW, '86. Ferncliff avenue, Springfield, O.

XLIV.

WILLIAM HARRISON KEPHART, '86. 1325 Seventh avenue, Altoona, Pa.

CARL KRIDER MOWER, '86. Factory street, Springfield, O.

FREDERICK LESTER SIGMUND, '86. Prize oration at junior exhibition; cor sec. Peabody, Kas.

XLV.

CALVIN LEWIS KNERR, '84. Dayton, O.

ELLSWORTH BRONELL KNERR, '84. Assistant instructor in sciences at Wittenberg College. Dayton, O.

WILLIAM ASBURY TOPE, '85. Studying medicine. New Philadelphia, O.

ROBERT CHRISTY BANCROFT, '87. Springfield, O.

JACOB SPENER SIMON, '87. Prize oration at junior exhibition; cor. sec. New Lisbon, O.

JOHN LAWRENCE MOORE. Treasurer I., B. & W.R'y. Sandusky, O.

XLVI.

ISAAC DOUGLASS WORMAN, '88. Leetonia, O.

ARTHUR HARMS SMITH, '88. Springfield, O.

EDWARD OSCAR WEAVER, '88. Springfield, O.

SAMUEL SMITH KELLER, '88. Springfield, O.

XLVII.

GAINS GLENN ATKINS, '88. Transferred to Theta Delta. Columbus, O.

WILLIAM A. BOWMAN, '89. Muncie, Ind.

HARRY HUMPHREYS, '89. Springfield, O.

WOOSTER CHAPTER.

[The Alpha Lambda, at the University of Wooster, Wooster, O.]

The University of Wooster is a Presbyterian institution. In the collegiate department there are fourteen instructors and, including women, about two hundred and fifty students. Degrees are conferred in arts, philosophy, and literature. There is a large preparatory department.

There are chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, and Phi Gamma Delta. Membership averages fifteen.

The Alpha Lambda dates from 1872. Its corresponding secretaries since the convention of 1881 have been Jacob Brilles, J. S. Gooding, E. E. Weaver, Frank Burgoyne, and Frank Conrad. The representatives at recent conventions were, in 1881, J. H. McDonald, F. B. Pearson, and J. Cal. Hanna; in 1882, Hanna, D. S. Moor and T. G. McConkey; in 1883, Jacob Brilles; in 1884, E. E. Weaver and Brilles, the latter being the secretary; and in 1885, J. Cal. Hanna. In 1882-'83 Hanna was chief of the district, and since 1884 he has been general secretary. In 1884-'85 Pearson was college secretary in the general secretary's department.

Admitted since August, 1881.

XLIII.

DICKSON LEONARD MOORE, '85. Second-honor man; editor of *Index* '84; captain in the university battalion; teaching. Present address, Farmersville, O.; home, Dayton, O.

GEO. TERRY DUNLAP, '86. Book-seller and stationer. Orrville, O.

EDWARD EBENEZER WEAVER, '85. Fourth-honor man class '85; captain in university battalion; cor. sec.; book-keeper. Canton, O.

XLIV.

CHAS. ALVAH BURRELL, '86. Grocer. Huntington, O.

GEO. ALBERT SHIVES, '86. Wooster editor *Mansfield News*. Wooster, O.

STANLEY CASS ARCHIBALD, '86. From Epsilon; out of college. Cincinnati, O.

GEORGE HOWARD ARCHIBALD, '86. Out of college. Wooster, O.

EDWARD PAYSON DUNLAP, '87. *Index* editor '86. Orrville, O.

SAMUEL KIRKWOOD, '88. Now student at Macalaster College. St. Paul, Minn.

JOHN MCCOY, '84. Student at Princeton Theological Seminary. Chillicothe, O.

DELANO FRANKLIN CONRAD, '87. Cor. sec. Princeton, Ind.

XLV.

JAMES HARRINGTON BOYD, '86. Student at Princeton. Home, Keene, O.

JAS. CAVALIER CONWAY, '85. Teacher. Present address, South Charleston, O.; permanent, Catawba, O.

WM. PAUL KIRKWOOD, '89. Student at Macalaster College. St. Paul, Minn.

ARTHUR BEARDSLEY DUNLAP, '87. Greenfield, O.

FRANK WARD BURGOYNE, '86. Editor *University Voice*; cor. sec. Cincinnati, O.

WM. WARREN BARNETT, '87. Clerk. Dayton, O.

GEO. DUNLAP CROTHERS, '87. Teacher. Present address, Eagle Pass, Tex.; permanent address, Greenfield, O.

LEWELLYN BODMAN REAKIRT, '88. Clerk. Cincinnati, O.

DANEEL EDWARD JENKINS, '87. Student at Melbourne University. Melbourne, Australia.

XLVI.

FRANK WILLIAM HOE, '87. Grocer. West Jefferson, O.

GEO. HOMER BILLMAN, '87. Captain university battalion. Akron, O.

JOSIAH MADISON ESTEP, '88. Student Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. Cadiz, O.

WM. HENRY HAUSER, '88. Printer. Cadiz, O.

XLVII.

JACOB NEWTON BROWN, '88. Student at Miami University. Cincinnati, O.

ALEXANDER FRANK KEENER, '87. Indiana, Pa.

JOHN MAITLAND MACDONALD, '89. Clerk. Cincinnati, O.

JEROME KIRKE SMITH, '89. Wooster, O.

WM. O. BARNITZ, '89. Student at Tarrytown Military Academy. Middletown, O.

THOS. SPENCER DUNLAP, '89. Orrville, O.

GEORGE A. NESBITT, '89. Oxford, O.

JOHN F. HUGHES, '89. Parisville, O.

CHAS. MCCLELLAN MODERWELL, '89. Geneseo, Ill.

FRANK ELMER BRADSHAW, '87. Brookfield, Mo.

THOS. PARKER BERRY, '88. Barnesville, O.

XLVIII.

FERDINAND SCHWILL, '89. Cincinnati, O.

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GEOGRAPHICAL INDEX TO THE YOUNGER MEMBERS.

[N. B.—In this index it will be noticed that some names appear more than once. The explanation is that some persons have, besides their principal address, a subordinate address; for example, their former home or the place where they are now studying. Subordinate addresses are designated by inclosing names in parentheses. The college addresses of active members are not given here, but appear in the chapter lists]

ALABAMA.

Auniston		Carthage		Montgomery	
J H Noble	Cum	C F Woods	Va	H B Everhart	Ste
Athens		Demopolis		B J Fitzpatrick	Va
Broussais Coman	Cum	N R Clarke	Va	Selma	
Birmingham		Mobile		Nathan Waller	Cum
G B Ward	Cum	C A Hall	Ste		

ARKANSAS.

Morrillton		Vandale		Washington	
C C Burrows	Van	O N Killough	Miss	A H Carrigan, Jr	Cum

CALIFORNIA.

Berkeley		Los Angeles		G M Stratton	Cali
A D Schindler	Cali	A H Pratt	Am	C J Evans	Cali
Whitney Palache	Cali	C W Barnes	Cali	Hugh Howell	Cali
J C Doonin	Cali	H L Shively	Cor	San Francisco	
W I Kip	Cali	M G Eshman	Ind	J W Dutton	Cali
Durham		Napa City		R B Hellman	Cali
C H Forbes	Mich	J E Beard	Cali	J F Davis	Cali
East Oakland		H F Briggs	Nev	Gaillard Stoner	Cali
R T Stratton	Cali	Nevada City		Finlay Cook	Cali
Fruitvale		W H Wentworth	Cali	A R Baum	Harv
W B Wellman	Cali	Niles		H E Wise	Ind
Haywards		O B Ellsworth	Cali	San Rafael	
E S Warren	Cali	Oakland		G W Dutton	Cali
Hopland		E D Hale	Am	Santa Cruz	
A J Thatcher	Cali	R C Turner	Cali	W S Hill	Nw
		F C Turner	Cali		

CONNECTICUT.

Bridgeport		Hartford		(G F Prentiss	Am)
C L Libby	Me	(G W Reed	Am)	(E R Tillinghast	Nw)
Buckingham		(A J Dyer	Am)	(E G Coldewey	Ste)
H D J Gardner	Am	(H D J Gardner	Am)	Newington	
Chaplin		Middletown		(T C Elliott	Am)
(C J Backns	Am)	(H T Fernald	Me)	Summers	
Cromwell		(G W Barhydt	Un)	F R Percival	Cor
(Dr W L Savage	Am)	New Haven		Waterbury	
Ellington		(G R Dickinson	Am)	E F Lewis	Ste
(E A Aborn	Am)				

DAKOTA.

Blunt		Grand Forks	
Henry Hamill	Nw	W A Gordon	Am
		J E Dike	Me

DELAWARE.

Dover		Wilmington	
(Dr T B Bradford	Pa)	W L Cooling	Cor

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington		H P Mozier	Ia	M L Shackelford	RM
W T Partridge	Col	William Morey Jr.	Me	C F Nesbitt	Westm
W P Cutler	Cor	C E Powell			
J H Drown	Cor	Mich and Van			

FLORIDA.

Eufaula		McMeekin		Seffner	
Dr H L Brannon	Van	E H Bowser	Van	M G Park	OW

GEORGIA.

Atlanta		Louisville	
C D Roy	Rich	Wright Hunter	Van
La Grange		Macon	
H R Slack, Jr	JH	C A Caldwell	Van

ILLINOIS.

Alvin		Bradford		A H Armstrong	Bel
Howard McElroy	DP	J A Lyman	Bel	S T Hickman	Cen
Anna		Cerro Gordo		T W Tomlinson	Cor
Samuel Dodds	Rut	J P Reasoner	DP	W R Goodwin	DP
Ashton		Cherry Valley		F W Tilden	Harv
J E Hunt	Nw	F H Chase	Bel	W S Harwood	Ia
Aurora		G A Chase	Bel	(G S Cox	Ken)
E C Quereau	Nw	Chicago		C L Andrews	Mich
Batavia		W E Hinchliff	Am	(W E Davidson	Nw)
W J Brown	Bel	L H McCormick	Am	A R Edwards	Nw
Bloomington		D L Gifford	Am	C N Zeublin	Nw
(W R Goodwin	DP)	J R Montgomery	Bel	R H Smith	
E B Lanier	Nw	S O Dauchy	Bel		Ste and Wis

ILLINOIS—CONTINUED.

ain	Wab	Galesburg		Pekin	
		G L Price	Mich	W T Smith	
c Williams	New	Geneseo		Ia W and Mich	
		C M Moderwell	Woos	F L Toennigs	Ia W
oung	Nw	Hillsboro		E F Smith	Ia W
		(J P Whitehead	Am)	O H Unland	Ia W
ees	WR	Homewood		F L Velde	Mich
l		A C Egelston	Un	Peoria	
Rich	Nw	Hyde Park		G H Gibson	Cor
		H C Brown	Bel	Rantoul	
andercook	Am	Lafayette		A P Gulick	DP
Shepherd	DP	W E Davidson	Nw	J L Benedict	DP
iller	Nw	Lake Forest		C P Benedict	DP
Hatfield	Nw	E A Aborn	Am	Rockford	
Stowe	Nw	Lincoln		J R Robertson	Bel
Lewis	Nw	E C Randolph	OW	S M Bushnell	Bel
y Brown	Nw	Mendota		H H Hamilton	Mad
ubbard	Nw	(D L Gifford	Am)	J W Gregory	Mich
Calkins	Nw	Norwood Park		Rossville	
humway	Nw	G L Thayer	Wis	(Howard McElroy DP)	
Whitehead	Nw	Ottawa		Van Orin	
ity		G B Penney	Cor	W E Wood	Mich
Weedman	Nw	(W D Fullerton	Nw)	Yorkville	
Hyde	Bel	Paris		John Adams	Nw
		J W Doak	Wab		

INDIANA.

und		Economy		Huntington	
ampbell	DP	C H Oler	Ind	F J Bippus	Wab
hornton	Ind	Evansville		Indianapolis	
on		Arthur Thayer	DP	W E Bryce	Cen
Hughes	Ind	C E Johnson	Va	W C Smith	DP
t Miller	Ind	F W Cook, Jr	Wab	Harry Bowser	DP
ight	Ind	Gosport		J W Wharton	Ind
udbury	Ind	W H Galloway	Ind	J H Howard	Ind
Madison	Ind	Greencastle		H R Hess	Wab
		W S Scott	DP	Knightsville	
		G H Murphy	DP	C M Zellar	DP
rant	Mich	I J Hammond	DP	Laconia	
		Greensburg		R F Evans	Han
ullinix	Ind	J W Rucker	DP	Lafayette	
ullinix	Ind	L E Lathrop	DP	J W Kieff	Wab
		Clarence Cumback		Lebanon	
an Carr	Ind	deceased	DP	W H Masters	DP
ville		F M Walters	Ind	Logansport	
Insley	Wab	C M Cunningham	Ind	E B McConnell	Cor
Frout	Wab	J S Shannon	Ind	(T W Tomlinson Cor)	
Greene	Wab	Green's Fork		Madison	
McCain	Wab	N L Bunnell	Ind	R M Dillon	Han
reene	Wab	Guilford		Moorefield	
		J B Robertson	Van	(S M Rutherford DP)	
er Wyatt	Ind	Hanover		Muncie	
		J C Clemmons	Han	W A Bowman	Wit

INDIANA—CONTINUED.

New Albany		Parke Daniels	Wab	Swanville	
W L Hester		D H Maxwell	Wab	O S Wilson	Han
	DP and Ind	Salem		Terre Haute	
New Philadelphia		J B Tucker		M L Goulde	Ind
V E Tucker	Ind		DP and Han	G S Cox	Ken
Pendleton		Smithville		H A Condit	Wab
C S Thomas	Ind	Homer Leonard	Ind	F H Boudinot	Wab
Richmond		Snoddy's Mills		E L Patterson	Wis
W B Holcombe	Bos	Albert Rabb	Ind	Thornton	
M E Hector	DP	South Bend		S M Rutherford	DP
Arthur Cunnings-		W C Payne	Beth	(W H Masters	DP)
ham	DP	Sudbury		J F Clearwaters	DP
S C Hughes	Wab	D W Crockett	Ind	Vincenes	
Rockville		Sullivan		W S Smith	Han
H D Maxwell	Ind	C M Parks	Ind		

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Tahlequah		Wealaka	
E B Woodin	Am	J P Whitehead	Am

IOWA.

Algona		Creston		Lewis	
G W Ingham	Ia	H T Paschal	Ia W	B B Davis	Ia
Boone		C P Paschal	Ia W	Maquoketa	
C S Tomlinson	Nw	Danville		G W Swigart	Ia
Burlington		W B Hanna	Ia W	Mt Pleasant	
J I Gilbert	Col	Davenport		G A Hare	Ia W
S P Gilbert	Ia	F S Watkins	Ia	J L Woolson	Ia W
F O Lowden	Ia	Elkader		J H Newbold	Ia W
E M Nealley	Ia	D D Donnan	Ia	P B Woolson	Ia W
Centerville		Fayette		Muscatine	
(C S Williams	Ia W)	G R Peebles	OW	R D Musser	Ia
C R Wooden	Ia W	Independence		D P Johnson, Jr	Ia
Charles City		R C Lake	Col	Sidney	
(W S Harwood	Ia)	W M Woodward	Ia	W L Anderson	Ia
Cherokee		Iowa City		Sperry	
S L Boddy	Nw	(H P Mozier	Ia)	(A N Loper	Ia W)
E D Huxford	Nw	C M Porter	Ia	Washington	
Clinton		W F Mozier	Ia	O G Wilson	Ia W
E H Sabin	Ia	M H Dey	Ia	Waterloo	
Council Bluffs		Jefferson		H D Allen	Ia
G S Wright	Ia	E F Brown	Ia	J H Gates	Ia
F P Wright	Ia	Knoxville		H G Hetzler	Mich
		W L Collins	Ia W		

KANSAS.

Armourdale		Canada		Concordia	
C F Foley	Kas	Sam'l Burkholder,		L T Smith	Kas
Belleville		Jr	Kas	Council Grove	
C S Williams	Ia W	Clay Centre		T F Doran	Kas
Blue Mound		E L Johnson		Delphos	
O D Walker	Kas		Ia and Mich	D W C Bower	Kas

TO THE YOUNGER MEMBERS.

KANSAS—CONTINUED.

Emporia		McPherson		Spring Hill	
Edwin Fowler	Am	M N Breman	Kas	G B Deem	Nw
T C Elliott	Am	Manhattan		Topeka	
Garden City		(I B Todd	Ken)	F W Phelps	Am
W W Davis	Kas	Meade Centre		Rev F B Vrooman	I
J H Cotteral	Mich	W S Kinnear	Kas	W H Davies	
Garnett		Newton		H L Call	
T W Houston	Kas	A N Loper	Ia	John Weightman	
Hutchinson		F E Reed	Kas	Troy	
C E Hall	Kas	W T Reed	Kas	Warren Perry	Kas
Lawrence		Nortonville		Vining	
C E Parker		J E Curry	Kas	W T Caywood	
Col, Kas, and Mich		Ottawa		Wamego	
O H Pochler	Kas	(C E Parker		C E Wood	Kas
R C Rankin	Kas	Col, Kas, and Mich)		Washington	
C D Dean	Kas	Peabody		Rev C P P Fox	Mad
E F Stimpson	Kas	F L Sigmund	Wit	Wellington	
Harry Bucking-		Shawnee		H J Bone	Cum
ham	Kas	Archibald Watson	Kas	H F Smith	Kas
J B Lippincott	Kas	C M Watson	Kas	Winsfield	
Lyons		G B Watson	Mich	W M Tomlin	Kas
W E Borah	Kas				

KENTUCKY.

Antioch Mills		Fulton		Marion	
(L C Woolery	Beth)	B C Mickle	Cum	Lee Cruce	Van
Bedford		Glasgow		Marrowbone	
J R Rowlett	Han	E M Benedict	Ken	S R Pace	Cum
Burlington		J B Ellis	Van	Rev J R Crawford	Cum
William Gaines	SL	Henderson		Maysville	
Carrollton		Rev W D Blair	Cum	W B Mathews, Jr.	Cen
Smith O'Neal	Han	Hopkinsville		Clarence Mathews	Cen
T R Bridges	Han	B S Radford	Cum	William Cochran	Cen
Cloverport		(C C Slaughter	Van)	Jamie Cochran	Cen
O T Skillman	Cen	C C Ferrell	Van	Mt Sterling	
E F Vest	Cen	Lawrenceburg		J C Reid	Beth
Covington		R H Lillard	Beth	H R Bright	Beth
E J Buffington	Van	Lexington		G W Broadus	Cen
Danville		F P St Clair	Beth	New Liberty	
W H Briggs	Cen	J H Kastle	JH	O B Riley	Han
H L Briggs	Cen	Louisville		W L Riley	Han
C H Irvine	Cen	S C Jones	Cen	Owensboro	
J W Guest, Jr	Cen	S J Hayden	Cen	A Y Ford	Br
O B Caldwell	Cen	W S Mullen	Cen	Owenton	
J W Caldwell	Cum	R A Watts	Cen	J W L Slaughter	Van
A C Downs	Mich	Rev W B Riley	Han	Paducah	
F J Cheek	Mich	(O B Riley	Han)	Linn White	Van
Dr Cornelius		D A Walton	Ste	Petersburg	
Skinner	Van	E G Coldewey	Ste	W T Crisler	SL
Elizabethtown		E M Drummond	Ste	Russellville	
W A Pusey	Van	J A Alsheler	Van	A B Freeman	Cum
A B Pusey	Van	R F Hibbitt	Van	Shelby City	
Frankfort		Dr Cornelius Skin-		B C Deem	Cum

KENTUCKY—CONTINUED.

Smithysgrove		Stanford		J A Guthrie	Van
J W Beck	Cum	J S Owsley, Jr	Cum	D T Edwards	Va
Springfield		Versailles		W F McLeod	Va
C A Green	Cum	J C Coleman	Cen	Winchester	
		C A McDonald	Van	J W McClure	Van

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans		Shreveport	
II H Swain	Bel	L R Hamberlin	Rich
E L Lashbrooke	Miss		

MAINE.

Augusta		Brewer		E C Bartlett	Me
J R Boardman	Me	J F Lockwood	Me	F T Drew	Me
F L Thompson	Me	W H Sargent	Me	Palermo	
Bangor		Dennysville		G F Black	Me
G N Jones	Harv	H F Lincoln	Me	Paris	
C S Lunt	Me	Enfield		A E Forbes	SL
R K Jones, Jr	Me	S S Twombly	Me	Portland	
E C Vose	Me	Harrington		C S Williams	Me
L G Paine	Me	I B Ray	Me	Rockland	
J K Chamberlin	Me	E V Coffin	Me	J D Lazell	Me
L G Paine	Ste	A J Coffin	Me	Skowhegan	
Belfast		North Bridgeton		D W Colby	Me
F W Dickerson	Me	C G Cushman	Me	Warren	
Bethel		Orono		F E Hull	Me
William Philbrook	Me	H T Fernald	Me	West Summer	
Bradley		E D Graves	Me	H A Abbott	SL
R H Marsh	Me				

MARYLAND.

Baltimore		W F Smith	JH	Ilchester	
J U Detrick	Dick	C E Simon	JH	(Rollin Norris	Ste)
C H Hammond	HS	W H Miller	JH	Mt Washington	
Louis Garthe	JH	E C Applegarth	JH	A T Collins	JH
J D Lord	JH	Rollin Norris	Ste	Poolesville	
W S Bayley	JH	H L Gannt	Ste	John White, Jr	JH
W B Harlan	JH	Churchville		Snow Hill	
H W Williams	JH	(W B Harlan	JH)	J R Todd	Dick
H H Wiegand	JH	Hagerstown		Tompkinsville	
Theodore Hough	JH	C E Bikle	Dick	G W C Smoot	Dick
A R L Dohme	JH	(F T Baker	Dick)	Towson	
J R Winslow	JH			R M Isaac	Ste

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amherst		Auburndale		F H Fitts	Am
J H Tufts	Am	J G Cramer	Bos	R M Palmer	Am
(E B Woodin	Am)	Beverly		W B Snow	Bos
H P Woodin	Am	L H Wardwell	Bos	Bernhard Beren-	
C H White	Am	(A D Cole	JH)	son	Bos
Andover		Boston		W S Little	Bos
(W P Taylor	Bos)	(W S Boardman	Am)	A P Folwell	Br

MASSACHUSETTS—CONTINUED.

F H Briggs	Br	Granby		Provincetown	
Guy Wilkinson	Cali	E W Branch	Bos	(I F Smith	Am)
(H M Carter	Den)	Haverhill		Raynham	
W M McInnes	Harv	(C E O Nichols	Am)	(C H White	Am)
E E Blodgett	Harv	Holbrook		Rockland	
D B Brace	JH	G C Dean	Am	W H Poole	Am
C L Holmes	Me	Holyoke		Salem	
H M Smith	SL	W F Whiting	Am	F P Ingalls	Cor
Weymouth		Hopedale		Shelburne Falls	
(W D Forbes	Am)	G N Goddard	Am	W D Forbes	Am
Cambridge		Lexington		Somerville	
R D Wilson	Harv	G C Goodwin	Am	G E Whitaker	Bos
Cambridgeport		Marblehead		H T Allen	Harv
W M Warren	Bos	A E Knapp	Mad	South Gardner	
Campello		Melrose		H A Whitney	Am
W R Pattangall	Me	W H Williams	Harv	Springfield	
Dorchester		Middleboro		J E Tower	Am
F C Hood	Harv	A H Washburn	Cor	Stoneham	
Chicopee		Monson		(W B Snow	Bos)
Thomas Whiteside	Bos	(J H Tufts	Am)	Sudbury	
Wilmington		R H Cushman	Am	W H Thompson	Am
A J Dyer	Am	Newburyport		Taunton	
Dorchester		W S Boardman	Am	A E Wilbar	Am
E A Johnston	Bos	E S Drown	Harv	C B Wilbar	Am
East Boston		North Adams		W C Hawkins	Ste
L N Cushman	Bos	H C Lyman	Mad	Walpole	
East Marshfield		Northampton		(F H Fitts	Am)
J C Hagen	Bos	A F Stone	Am	Wellesley	
C R Richards	Bos	North Brookfield		(W S Little	Bos)
Irving		(J E Tower	Am)	West Newton	
(F W Phelps	Am)	H A Cooke	Am	Rev J C Jaynes	Harv
C D Phelps	Am	Palmer		Winchester	
Everett		S S Parks	Am	H C Holt	Harv
L B Greenwood	Bos	Pittsfield		Worcester	
Framingham		G W Reed	Am	C B Stevens	Am
(G P Eastman	Am)	C A Washburn	WR	J E Smith	Am
Gardner		Plymouth		(G E Whitaker	Bos)
G A Dunn	Bos	E S Damon	Am		

MICHIGAN.

Adrian		Emery		F R Babcock	Mich
H T Stephens	OS	D H Ramsdell	Mich	R S Babcock	Mich
Brighton		Grand Ledge		Niles	
L B Lee	Mich	R D Briggs	Mad	J H Bickford	D P
J H Lee	Mich	Grand Rapids		Owosso	
Coldwater		F D Sherman	Mich	J C Shattuck	Mich
F B Spaulding	Mich	Highland		Pontiac	
Detroit		W A St John	Mad	W C Harris	Mich
F T Lodge	DP	Lake Linden		J H Patterson	Mich
M R Nelson	Mad	W W Harris,		Shelby	
		deceased,	Mich	W J Cady	Nov
Dowagiac		Manistee			
V M Tuthill	Mich	D P Cochrane	Mich		

MINNESOTA.

Clear Lake
O W Baldwin Col
Fort Snelling
W D Howe Ind
Minneapolis
E M Stevens Am

St Paul
C J Backus Am
H H Cleveland Col
F A Bristol Col
D W Brownell Den
Julian Millard Mich
Dr G A Renz Pa

Lewis Baker, Jr Ste
M H Albin Va
Samuel Kirkwood Woos
W P Kirkwood Woos
Winona
L R Doud Mich

MISSISSIPPI.

Ashland
Hon W T Mc
Donald Miss
Atlanta
A M Harley Miss
Brandon
Hon W H Clarke Cum
H R Cocke Miss
Dr J J Rhodes Miss
E E Frantz Miss
A E Brown Miss
R L McLaurin Miss
Brookhaven
J S Gadberry Miss
J H Johnson Miss
Coffeeville
Hon Willis Golli-
day Cum
Columbia
R P Moore Miss
T B Lampton Miss
Columbus
A L Pittman Miss
(J B McElroy Miss)
Coma
D L Heath Va

Edwards
T A Chichester Miss
Hazlehurst
W W Mayes Miss
R B Mayes Miss
Holly Springs
G R Craft Cen
Jackson
J B Ross Miss
W R Hill Miss
Lexington
A W Hooker
Miss and Rich
Macon
H E Harlan Van
McComb City
H M Quin Miss
H C Hoover Miss
Mayhew Station
J B McElroy Miss
Meridian
T W Scarborough Am
R F Cochran Miss
J B Cochran Miss
Natchez
L K Sharpe Miss

T S Sharpe Miss
MC Montgomery Miss
A B Learned
Miss and Van
Oxford
G T Fitzhugh Miss
Rev W I Sinnott Miss
L T Fitzhugh Miss
J D Burge Miss
S S Mathews Miss
Samuel Holloway Miss
Ripley
J C Harris Cum
J Y Murry, Jr Miss
Walter Harris Miss
Rosedale
F M Scott Miss
Tremont
O T Stone Cum
Tupelo
O L Stribling Cum
Vaden
E W Stewart Cum
West Point
E L B McClelland Miss

MISSOURI.

Brookfield
F E Bradshaw Woos
Clinton
J E Atkinson Beth
Dardenne
E F McCausland Westm
Foley
W H Bradley Westm
Franklin
N W Bonham Van
Fulton
J W Charles Westm
Independence
George Donellan Westm
G R Moulton Westm
Kansas City
Frank Warriner Beth

J W Brannum Cum
Garrett Ellison Den
F G Graham Dick
R E Stout Kas
J A Sargent Kas
Carl Smith Kas
J G Smith Mich
McCredie
Wm Harrison, Jr Westm
Maryville
B L C Gann IaW
Memphis
W B McArthur OW
Paris
R L Simpson Westm
Pilot Grove
W L McCutchen Cum
Rosendale
J W Laney IaW

St Charles
Walter Alexander Harv
H A Roberts Westm
St Louis
S D Roser Cen
Lee Dunlap Cen
C W Niedring-
haus, dec'd, DP
Howard Suther-
land Westm
Santa Fe
T T Trimble Westm
Sedalia
Leroy Jones Westm
F W Sneed Westm
Williamsburg
J M Grant Westm

MONTANA.

Deer Lodge	Helena
Howard Copland Den	W E Sanders Col

NEBRASKA.

Kearney	Omaha
J C Fifield JH	Dr W P Wilcox Col
Norfolk	V E Tucker Han
A S Burrows Ia	M C Hamilton Ste

NEVADA.

Virginia City
M W Fredrick Harv

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampton	Winchester
(C O Williams Br)	(W S Buffum Am)

NEW JERSEY.

Argen Point	Jersey City	(W H Robinson Un)
E F White Ste	O E Coles Col	(John McCoy. Woos)
ordentown	Jersey City Heights	(J H Boyd Woos)
J B Reynolds Rut	W C Post Ste	Raritan
lover	Mt Holly	A W Mack Ste
J L Hurd Col	F T Baker Dick	L C Mack Ste
ast Millstone	W A Barrows, Jr Rut	Seabright
F W Ribble Rut	Newark	W G Lake Dick
H L Rupert Rut	C A Cahoone Col	South Dennis
ilen Ridge	W J Moore Mad	L A Parsels Dick
H G Darwin Col	O H Baldwin Ste	Summit
loboken	North Plainfield	T S Fearn JH
F W Sheldon Cor	D C Adams Col	Verona
J H Sheldon Ste	Paterson	C W Harrison Rut
rvington	W O Barnes Ste	Windsor
A B Harrison Rut	Princeton	G W Hutchinson Br
	(G W Hutchinson Br)	

NEW YORK.

Albany	Bellona	Jas Chambers, Jr Am
(C W De Baun Un)	Thomas Carmody,	(A P Folwell Br)
Amsterdam	Jr., Cor	W B Middleton Col
F D Lewis Un	Binghamton	C F Ackerman Col
Antwerp	P J Casey, dec'd, Cor	E H Barnum Col
Theodore Miller Cor	W M Harris Cor	J T Sackett Cor
Aurora	Bombay	J B Alden Rut
S C Jones Cor	J L Southwick Cor	G B Helmle SL
Ballston Spa	Broadalbin	C J Field Ste
N D Fish Un	Rev W J Quincy Mad	Buffalo
R H Washburne Un	N J Gulick Un	G P Eastman Am
Bayonne	Brooklyn	Rev C G Brelor Beth
Rev J K Folwell Mad	Dr W L Savage Am	J J Aspinwall Cor

NEW YORK—CONTINUED.

Buskirk's Bridge		Jamestown		Northville	
J L Pratt, Jr.,	Cor	C F Smith	Br	J R Van Ness	Un
Canton		Lisha's Kill		Osborne's Bridge	
C M Baker	SL	G W Van Vranken		(J R Van Ness	Un)
F F A Liotard,		Cor and Un		Oswego	
deceased,	SL	Lockport		Dr F M Stephens	Pa
Williston Manley	SL	Henry Abbey	Ste	Owego	
J M Rich	SL	Long Island City		(F W Carpenter	Cor)
C A Rich	SL	Rev E H Lovett	Mad	(W M Harris	Cor
Everett Caldwell	SL	Lonville		Palmyra	
J M Atwood	SL	E S K Merrell	SL	A B Taylor	Mad
Chase's Mills		Madrid		Port Richmond	
T E Dalton	SL	R P Barnes	SL	(L W Faber	Col)
Clifton Park		J A Cranston	SL	Potsdam	
W E Weed	Mad	Malone		N H Adsit	SL
College Point		C A Sawyer	Br	Poughkeepsie	
A C Payne	Rut	F G Paddock	Col	I F Smith	Am
Delhi		Marion		Red Hook	
C H Douglass	Mad	C D White	Col	P H Cole	Un
Dunkirk		Massena		Rhinebeck	
W P Smith	Am	H D Robinson	SL	S D Drury	Rut
East Hampton		Middleburg		Richmond Hill	
W H Barnes	Rut	Dow Vroman	Un	W A Jones, Jr.,	Col
L E McCabe	Rut	Montrose		Riverhead	
Elmira		I W Reynolds	Rut	H G Dimon	Cor
C B Hagadorne	Cor	New York		Rushford	
Flushing		(L H McCormick	Am)	H C Elmer	
S E Gage	Col	W S Buffum	Am	Cor and JH	
Fonda		(W A Gordon	Am)	Schenectady	
C W De Baun	Un	(Frank Warriner	Beth)	J E Clute	Col and Un
Fort Hamilton		O H Powers	Bos	F E Crane	Un
De Lagnel Berier	Col	H T Sherman	Br	K C Radliff	Un
Fort Plain		W R Baird	Col	J T W Kasteridick	Un
F S Lee	JH	L W Faber	Col	A J Dillingham	Un
Glovesville		Henry Mesa	Col	G W Barhydt	Un
(A C Egelston	Un)	Paul Wilcox	Col	Seward	
Gouverneur		Edward Cohen	Col	Edward Maguire	Cor
(Edwin Fowler	Am)	E S Appleby	Col	Sherburne	
C S Fowler	Cor	E W Newton	Col	A B Church	SL
Rev H S Schwartz	Mad	F R Percival	Col	Sing Sing	
Greenpoint		F W Carpenter	Cor	C E O Nichols	Am
J D Logan	Col	(F R Percival	Cor)	Skaneateles	
Greenwich		A H Grant	Cor	F M Thomas	Col
E M Van Kirk	Mad	E J Meeks	Harv	Stapleton	
Hamburgh		C R Dundore	Pa	E J Lederle	Col
F H Edsall	Pa	(W E Maison	Pa)	Tarrytown	
Hamilton		M Y Beach	Ste	(W O Barnitz	Woos)
G H Meyer	Mad	John Chatellier	Ste	Troy	
Herkimer		G F Sandt	Ste	E B Coburn	Un
Dr E J Kern	Mad	F A Magee	Ste	A M Harder	Un
Herkimer		(J T W Kasten-	Un)	(C A Caldwell	Van)
W B Matteson	SL	dieck	Un)	(J M Estep	Woos)
Hoosick Falls		B F Taylor	Van	Unadilla	
(J B Alden	Rut)	Niagara Falls		A T Emory	Cor
E M Alden	Rut	F W Osborn	Dick		

NEW YORK—CONTINUED.

Valatie		Warwick		West Point	
F H Silvernail	Un	A B Bishop	Un	(C B Hagadone	Cor)
Victor		Waverley		(Arthur Thayer	DP)
M F Webster	Cor	Rev D H Cooper	Mad	(W E Wood	Mich)
Walton		West Hebron		Whitney's Point	
C C Pierce	Mad	W H Robinson	Un	(C M Baker	SL)
Wappinger's Falls		West Pierrepont		F Y Adams	SL
F W Hargreaves	Cor	J W Rafferty	SL	Woodville	
				F A Converse	Cor

NORTH CAROLINA.

Asheville		Gastonia		Raleigh	
A M Carroll	Rich	J L Love	JH	E B Smedes	JH
Chapel Hill		Murfreesboro			
(J L Love	JH)	Percy Rowe	RM		

OHIO.

Akron		Catawba		Clarksburg	
H L Jacobs	Am	(J C Conway	Woos)	(A M Mann	
C B Raymond	Am	Chester Cross Roads			OW and Wit)
K B Conger	Ken	H B Herrick	WR	Cleveland	
F M Raymund	OS	Chillicothe		Alexander Mc-	
G H Billman	Woos	(G C Manly		Kinney	Beth
Alexandria			Mich and Nw)	G F Saal	Cor
E H Castle	Den	John McCoy	Woos	H C Ferris	
W E Castle	Den	Cincinnati			Ken and Ste
Ashtabula		J V B Scarborough	Am	H N Hill	Ken
E P Hall	WR	W W Scarborough	Am	(Henry Abbey	Ste)
Athens		(T W Scarborough		J T Carter	WR
C H Higgins	OU		Am)	T M Kennedy	WR
H R McVay	OU	J H McKenzie	Bos	Collamer	
Barnesville		S C Archibald		Sterling Parks	
T P Berry	Woos		Cen and Woos		Mich and WR
Beallsville		T B Evans	Col	Clay Herrick	WR
F S Israel	Beth	Alfred Gaither	Harv	Columbus	
Bellaire		Clinton Collins	Harv	C V Pleukharp	OS
J A H Mertz	Beth	(M A Mayo	Ken)	W H Siebert	OS
Bellefontaine		(E M Benedict	Ken)	W C Sabine	OS
C C Patterson	Wit	C K Benedict	Ken	G G Atkins	OS and Wit
Bethesda		W D Fullerton	Nw	C A Doe	OW
A L White	Beth	E M Cranston	Nw	(M L Milligan	OW)
Beverly		(W R Pomerene	OS)	Coolville	
H H Rumble	Beth	(C W DeLamatre	OS)	H H Humphrey	Cor
Bridgeport		Julius Floto	OS	Calvin Humphrey	OU
W H Wolf	Beth	T R Terwilliger	OW)	Coshocton	
Bucyrus		(C C Pickering	OW)	W R Pomerene	OS
(W C Sheppard	Den)	(T G Smith, Jr	Ste)	Crestline	
Madiz		(J W McClure	Van)	R B Wynkoop	Ken
J M Estep	Woos	F W Bargoyne	Woos	Dayton	
W H Hauser	Woos	L B Reakirt	Woos	E C Benedict	OS
Anton		J N Brown	Woos	L P Conover	Wis
G E Cook	Ste	J M Macdonald	Woos	C L Knerr	Wit
E E Weaver	Woos	Ferdinand Schwill	Woos	(E B Knerr	Wit)

OHIO—CONTINUED.

(D L Moore	Woos)	Hayesville		Moscow	
W W Barnett	Woos	H J Kendig	Den	J E Abrams	Han
Deavertown		High Hill		Mt Pisgah	
M L Milligan	OW	J S Brown	Den	T R Terwilliger	OW
Delaware		Hopedale		Mt Vernon	
(J P McCabe	OW)	M G Baxter	Beth	H C Devin	Ken
W A Baldwin	OW	Howard		F L Young	OW
D S Griffin	OW	W L McElroy	Beth	Newark	
J H Waterhouse	OW	Hudson		C G Rank	Den
F M Starr	OW	T D McFarland	WR	Newburg	
F T Jones	OW	L A Sadler	WR	G R McKay	WR
E Q Starr	OW	J F Berry	WR	New Holland	
Delhi		Huntington		W G Hyde	OS and OU
G C Cox	Ken	C A Burrell	Woos	J T Pickering	OW
Dublin		Jackson		New Lisbon	
C E Tuller	Ken	L M Gillilan	OU	E E Curry	Beth
E T Tuller	Ken	Jacksonborough		E W Simon	Wit
Dundee		S P Withrow	OW	J S Simon	Wit
E E Otis	Mich	Jefferson		New Philadelphia	
Elmore		H J Woodworth	OS	W A Tope	Wit
Cornelius Shaen-		Johnstown		Orrville	
feld	Beth	W C Sheppard	Den	G T Dunlap	Woos
A L Wright	Beth	Keene		E P Dunlap	Woos
Farmersville		J H Boyd	Woos	T S Dunlap	Woos
D C Moore	Woos	Kendallville		Oxford	
Findlay		A J Kimmel	Mad	S R Greer	DP and OW
E V Bope		Kimball		(J N Brown	Woos)
Ken and Mich		C W DeLamatre	OS	G A Nesbitt	Woos
Folks Station		La Grange		Painesville	
E A Hall	Beth	W H Mooney	Beth	L E Judson	Am
Galion		Leetonia		G P Steel	Am
A M Snyder	Ken	I D Worman	Wit	F H Briggs	Ken
(M G Park	OW)	Lima		C F Luther	WR
Geneva		M A Mayo	Ken	Parisville	
G M Fletcher	WR	London		J F Hughes	Woos
Germantown		J W Adair	OW	Pickerington	
J P McCabe	OW	Lowell		(J T Pickering	OW)
Granville		(H H Rumble	Beth)	C C Pickering	OW
F W Shephardson Br		McArthur		Piqua	
H L Jones	Den	J E Dillon	OU	F P Irwin	DP and OW
W B Owen	Den	McConnellsville		E A Smith	OW
H D Hervey	Den	C S Sprague	Den	Portage	
Daniel Shepard-		C W Eberlein	Den	A G Johnson	OU
son, Jr	Den	(D W Brownell	Den)	Portsmouth	
H M Carter	Den	Massillon		C L Dobyns	Mich
E G Evans	Den	W E Russell		W F Gordon	OU
R P Smith	Den	Am and Ken		Phelps Leete	OU
A D Cole	JH	Meigs Creek		Redfield	
Greenfield		C H Fonts	OU	C E Skinner	
A B Dunlap	Woos	Middleport		OS and OU	
(G D Crothers	Woos)	A M Mann		E B Skinner	OU
Hamilton		OW and Wit		Ripley	
Homer Gard	Am	Middletown		W F Peters	Un
B R Millikin	Am	W O Barnitz	Woos		
W H Pfau	Cor				

OHIO—CONTINUED.

Sandusky		Sulphur Springs		West Middleburg	
D J Mackey		F B Heibertshausen Wit		E L Shannon	OW
	Mich and OS	Tappan		Westville	
J L Moore	WN	L G Worstell	OU	D H Sowers	OW
Shelby		Tiffin		Willoughby	
W B Lowe	Beth	F T Pennington		N C Stevens	Harv
H R Brown	Beth		DP and OW	Solon Louer	WR
South Charleston		Tiltonville		H S Taylor	WR
J C Conway	Woos	W W Medill	WJ	E A Clark	WR
Springfield		Toledo		Winfield	
(C C Patterson	Wit)	C L Curtis	Cor	Ellsworth Otis	Wit
C J Pretzman	Wit	J L Wilkin	Den	Winton Place	
H A Williams	Wit	Trimble		B A Williams	OW
A G Billow	Wit	J M Johnson	OU	Wooster	
C K Mower	Wit	Uhrichsville		G A Shives	Woos
E B Knerr	Wit	G W Reed	OU	G H Archibald	Woos
R C Bancroft	Wit	Warren		J K Smith	Woos
A H Smith	Wit	J D Harmon	WR	Xenia	
E O Weaver	Wit	West Jefferson		E E Paine	OS
S S Keller	Wit	Gorman Jones	Den	(E L Shannon	OW)
Harry Humphreys	Wit	F W Hoe	Woos	Youngstown	
Staubenville				A M Dyer	Mad
H L L Webb	OW				

OREGON.

Salem		Union	
Rev M L Rugg	Mad	J P Atkinson	Cum

PENNSYLVANIA.

Alleghany City		Harrisburg		Maurice Fels	JH
G W Willis	Br	A E Meily	Dick	W H Crawshaw	Mad
Altoona		Indiana		H G McKean	Mad
W H Kephart	Wit	A F Keener	Woos	(C R Dundore	Pa)
Belleville		Laurelton		H L Patterson	Pa
O M Campbell	WJ	Dr H H Lincoln	Pa	W E Maison	Pa
Bentleysville		Marchand		Dr T B Bradford	Pa
(Dr F M Stephens	Pa)	B A Brown	WJ	H A Davis	Pa
Bethlehem		Meadville		S E Scott, dec'd	Pa
(G F Pettinos	Dick)	(Solon Louer	WR)	(Dr N P Grienm	Pa)
Burgettstown		New Castle		Dr H A Hare	Pa
W J Fredericks	WJ	N A Philips	Beth	Dr J M Bradford	Pa
Carlisle		Newville		R S Maison	Pa
G F Pettinos	Dick	W B Stewart	Dick	Dr C J Irvin	Pa
Carmon		North Hope		H P Ball	Pa
J D Jack	WJ	J F Reigart	Dick	F C Clarke	Pa
Chester		Pennsville		Alfred Weeks, Jr	Pa
(G W Quick	Rich)	J D Atkinson	Ind	J P Kreckner	Pa
Easton		Philadelphia		George Fetterolf	Pa
(G F Sandt	Ste)	Louis Shiel, dec'd	Br	G C Bowker	Pa
F W Shick	Un	(R T Stratton	Cali)	G A Freyer	Pa
Everett		David Brown	Dick	T G Smith, Jr	Ste
A D Yocum	Dick	F M Welsh	Dick	Pittsburg	
Greensburg		J C Reynolds	Dick	C H Hirst	OS
F J Kimball	Me			W R Cochrane	Pa

PENNSYLVANIA—CONTINUED.

Somerset		William McKen-		R T Jones	WJ
F M Kimmel	Beth	nan	WJ	W A Baird	WJ
A J Colborn, Jr	Beth	R M Brownson	WJ	West Chester	
Washington		T R McKennan	WJ	Dr N P Grimm	Pa
J M Thompson	WJ	M S McKennan	WJ		

RHODE ISLAND.

Central Falls		C E Lawton	Br	E T Banning	Br
J W Freeman	Br	Providence		H F Caldwell	Br
Hope Valley		C P Seagrave	Br	G H Crooker	Br
E R Tillinghast	Nw	A P Sumner	Br	F J Belcher	Br
Middletown		C O Williams	Br	H L Cattannach	Br
J H Ward	Br	E E Pierce	Br	H J Rhett	Br
Newport		Norman Gunder-		R L Spencer	Br
H G Wood	Br	son	Br	A F Clark	Br

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Darlington		Newberry		Spartanburg	
J L Coker	Ste	B B Ramage	Harv	J P Smith	Van
Lawtonville		J H McIntosh	JH	Williamston	
A M Bostick	Rich			J M Lawder	Van

TENNESSEE.

Bakerville		Hendrick's Creek		C C Slaughter	Van
J F Fowlkes	Cum	J C Ritter	Cum	A G Hall	Van
Bartlett		Knoxville		C W Beale	Van
G W Blackwell	Van	H H Parker	Cum	C L Thornburg	Van
Carthage		Las Casas		E B Davis	Van
W E Myer	Van	W H Martin	Cum	W T Guild	Van
Chattanooga		Lebanon		Alfred Hume	Van
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L S Merriam	Van	I W P Buchanan	Cum	W C Brannum	Van
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W C Whitthorne	Cen	J W Chalmers	Miss	F G Bridges	Cum
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R B Williams	Cum	H M Driffoos	Cum	R P Whitesell	Van
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J A Harris	Van	J J G Ruhm	Van	R A Cody	Cum

TEXAS.

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W R Dobyns	Westm	Galveston		A H Cooper	Cum
Brownwood		T S Lyon	Va	Salado	
Rev R W Lewis	Cum	Gonzales		Rev J R Hodges	Cum
N S Walker	Miss	J T Atkinson	Va	San Antonio	
Cuero		Jefferson		W B Houston	C
W J Baker	Cum	W B Ward	Van	Sherman	
Da Villa		La Rissa		W G Richardson	Miss
J H Miller	Cum	W P Bone	Cum	Weatherford	
Eagle Pass		McKinney		W T Watson	C
G D Crothers	Woos	J B Kerr	Cum	Winsborough	C
Fort Worth		W T L Clark	Miss	C M Templeton	C
Hallett Harding	Cum				

VERMONT.

Keeler's Bay		St Johnsbury	
F W Sears	Am	(A F Stone	Am
A P Smith	Am	Stowe	
Mechanicsville		(E D Hale	Am)
B C Gillis	Bos	Windham	
		G F Prentiss	Am

VIRGINIA.

Aldie		Hampden Sidney College		Portsmouth	
C L Laws	Rich	W H Bocock HS and Va		J A Borum	Rich
Ashland		J D Eggleston, Jr	IIS	F D Tabb	Rich
(C T Patton	RM)	W H Wilson	HS	Pungoteague	
J L Patton	RM	A R Shaw	HS	O F Mears	RM
R W Patton	RM	Ivor		Richmond	
J J Leake	RM	(R E L Holmes	Va)	G B Stacy	Beth
Bentiooglio		Jamaica		G T Patton	RM
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Blackstone		Jennings' Ordinary			Rich and Va
J P Epes	HS	W A Watson	IIS	W R Thomas	Rich
Bowling Green		Little Plymouth		E B Pollard	Rich
(Percy Rowe	RM)	T J Bland	RM	H H Harris	Rich
Carlett P O		Lynchburg		L S Lyon	Rich
Dr L P Coates	Pa	Robert Winfree	RM	W E Tanner, Jr	Rich
Childsburg		H L Winfree	RM	Frank Lyon	Rich
C T Smith, Jr	Rich	J S Hobson	RM	R A Cutler	Rich
Concord Depot		P B Winfree	RM	G B Stacy	Rich
D S Evans, Jr	IIS	W W Talley		R C Williams	Rich
Cross Keys			Rich and Va	A S J Dudley	Van
C C Hering	RM	A W Terrell	Va	J R Tucker, Jr	Va
Cuthbert		Mechum's River		San Marino	
T P Branch	Van	Alfred Bagby, Jr	Rich	T T Jones	IIS
Danville		Mossy Creek		Stevensville	
T N Ferrell	Rich	J B Finley	IIS	(Alfred Bagby, Jr	Rich)
W R Fitzgerald	Rich	Norfolk		White Post	
Farmville		J B Jenkins	Harv	J W Kern	Va
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G W Quick	Rich	M T Peed	JH	Yancey	
Gordonsville					

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Samuel Hubbard,
Jr Cali

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Bethany

W K Pendleton,
Jr Beth
L C Woolery Beth

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F M Staunton Cor
C C Lewis, Jr HS

Charlestown, Jefferson county

W B Hopkins HS
A C Hopkins HS
J P Campbell JH

Gerardstown

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Huntington

Garland Buffing-
ton RM
P C Buffington RM

Kingwood

W C Shafer Den

Lewisburg

H R McIlwaine HS

Martinsburg

C R Stribling HS
J M Stribling HS

Moorefield

H A White HS
R A White HS
George Shipley RM

Parkersburg

(W C Shafer Den)

Romney

(J B Finley HS)

Wellsburg

J W Cooper Mich

W C Jacob WJ

Samuel Jacob WJ

Wheeling

R H Devine Beth

J B Wilson Beth

A C Whitaker Ken

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O C Olds Bel

Columbus

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F A Teall Wis

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		Toronto, Ontario	
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Erlangen, Germany		Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island	
(T B Evans	Col)	W P Taylor	Bos
Gottingen, Germany		Not definitely known	
(W B Holcombe	Bos)	(J F Davis	Cali) and
Heidelberg, Germany		(F S Lee	JH)
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The notes prefixed to each chapter's roll were prepared by the editor and sent to the chapters for correction. In the paragraphs regarding fraternities in general, chapters are named in the order of original foundation. In the paragraphs regarding our own chapters, the lists of corresponding secretaries, of delegates to convention, and of other officers are, as a matter of course, limited to the period explained above.

Although the whole of the book was prepared and edited by one person, every one knows that a book like this must, in a very important sense, be the work of numerous hands. It is merely a compilation, and for materials it is largely indebted to records kept by corresponding secretaries, general secretaries, secretaries of conventions, and secretaries of the board of directors.

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SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I remember seeing it once stated in our magazine, by some rather hasty contributor, speaking of special dispensations, that they ought to be like angels' visits, few and far between. Without attempting to expose the fallacy of this logic, in its unsavory disparagement of celestial favors, I wish merely to controvert briefly the assertion, with certain arguments which I think bear directly and seriously upon the subject. I am especially moved to a consideration of the matter through a recent discussion in the November issue concerning the number of our chapters.

It was well advanced that our chapter list is becoming almost too large and unwieldy for successful government according to the present constitution and rules. Especially does this apply to our conventions, which during the last three years have been made small through local difficulties, no very large proportion of chapters being represented and the convention thus being frequently debarred from taking fit final action on important matters on account of the lack of a constitutional majority of delegates to vote. This fact will serve to explain a certain anomalous action of the late St. Louis convention in referring so many petitions for new charters to the chapters to be voted upon by them, instead of deciding upon them itself. Not three-fourths of the chapters were represented, and as the constitutional majority in favor of petitions could not therefore be obtained a perfect unanimity of vote was required. In but one case could unanimity be secured, and the sponsors of several promising and desirable protégés, recognizing this fact, did not wish to imperil the chances of their charges under such unfavorable and unfair conditions.

The fact is, we have enough chapters, in the main, there now remaining hardly more than half a score of institutions which we desire to enter. We have now

forty-seven chapters, including the ones at the University of Texas and Ohio State University. Let us, therefore, draw the line at *fifty*. This will allow the chapters yet to come, and by withdrawing a few lingering chapters we shall gradually make room for desirable conditions to keep up our quota upon opportunity for betterment.

This conservative restriction will, of course, as I plainly foresee and wish in this manner to forestall, at once draw an outcry on behalf of the "small, good" colleges which we shall thus be debarred from entering. Such institutions have long been a cause of perplexity and embarrassment to us. When we have chapters in them, these chapters are often both an honor and a discredit—the former because of their frequently admirable outputs of alumni, and the latter because of their frequently languishing condition. Their course is extremely uneven, and though this is not their fault, yet through their lack of a steady source of good material to draw from, and the fluctuating conditions resultant therefrom, they cause the fraternity anxiety and explanations internal and external.

The case is precisely similar, as respects present and prospective circumstances, with other institutions where we are not represented. In such colleges there is usually a small knot of desirable men who would make good Betas and would be advantageous members to possess. Yet we do not want to found chapters among them which we might afterwards be compelled to withdraw and which we should often be apologizing for as unworthy and unpromising constituents.

What, then, shall we do for them, these small, good colleges which we are sorry we have entered or are now unwilling to enter, although there is much material in them that is attractive and advantageous? The remedy, or theory, I would propose is embraced in special dispensations

Our fraternity, by its district system, has the colleges of the country pretty well "corralled"—as they say out west. The chapters of each district are more or less intimately acquainted with one another—or ought to be—and are also fairly informed about the colleges within the district where we are not represented. Then, also, our alumni are widely scattered and in many localities are grouped in respectable numbers at or in or about certain seats of learning where they can form a just idea of the character of the students. Now, with these two elements of active chapters and interested alumni acting in co-operation, a sort of informal committee can be formed to consider new recruits whom we do not wish to organize into regular chapters. *Personnel*, of course, counts for everything in these instances, as the only reason we wish to make this *quasi* construction of chapters is to secure fine, worthy members for the fraternity. This matter of selection of the fittest will, therefore, be of the chief importance in taking the proposed step, and can only be determined by personal acquaintance or investigation, whether by residents or by special visitors. It is not a matter of great difficulty to determine, however, as birds of a feather usually flock together, both in and out of college, and one man will often determine the social and scholastic qualities of his associates.

A nucleus thus being formed or decided upon, whether by special work or by considering original petitioners, it may then be anchored or attached to the nearest chapter, which can thus have charge of it, and of which it will form a part by act of special dispensation, just as by present action. These "specials" will then exist as a chapter with all its social advantages and fraternity benefits, with the exception of separate representation and of electing new members. It may even almost secure the latter privilege by being allowed to take new men subject to the endorsement of the parent chapter, which will readily recognize the superior advantages of its protégé in selection, and will not be disposed to interfere with or reject its action when unobjectionable, as may easily be determined.

Such a process will secure several desirable fraternity ends. It will properly restrict the increase of chapters, will obtain us many good men who will do us

honor, and will not oblige us to regard the "specials" as a chapter which must be kept up at all hazards. If the quality and quantity of the material for the branch chapter fail, that will be of no concern for us, as all we want is good men, whether few or moderately numerous. Our fraternity has now so attractive a reputation that we can in many instances command the best students, who will rarely fail to join us even under somewhat less desirable conditions of chapter organization—but which conditions, as I have endeavored to show, will be nearly equal to those of a regular chapter and in no wise a disparagement or handicap for successful fraternity local action.

But will a chapter of "specials" live and work to advantage? I think it will. The members of such a branch chapter will possess all the circumstances and advantages of active fraternity life; it will draw into its ranks many of the best men because it belongs to a good fraternity; and as an organization it may have a chapter-hall and may engage in all the proper diversions and social pleasures of a fraternity chapter at its institution. Several of our chapters, before their entrance into the fraternity ranks, have existed as local clubs, some especially organized for keeping together as a compact body of petitioners; and others, going one step farther and receiving a dispensation, have met and acted as all but in fact a regular chapter, with enjoyment and enthusiasm. The early history of our fraternity is full of instances of chapters living and progressing under much less favorable conditions and with the disadvantage of powerful rivals or hostile faculties.

To sum up this novel theory as here presented in detail, its chief points are as follows:

1. The number of our chapters should be limited to fifty.
2. Small, good colleges, where desirable men can be obtained by solicitation or their own petition, should have branch chapters organized by special dispensation, to be attached to the nearest regular.
3. These branch chapters may exist as chapters *de facto* as regards local action, but in the name, representation, and increase subject to the "parent" chapter.

Chambers Baird, Jr.

ANOTHER PRODIGAL AT COMERSLEY.

spring term that year opened busily enough. Talbot, no longer *noir*, was most affectionately "Tommy," and even the freshman president seemed happy with Beta pin.

ad rolled the chapter smoothly to place at Comersley and wedged

We felt no conceit about any. We had never seen any of the chapters; but from Tom's description the Shatover boys we imagined were just their kind of a crowd, only with all the honors. There were several well-known societies in the but we "had no rivals." As seniors were the only serious contestants in their class, we were content that first and second honors would go by Betas—that was only a part of our constitution called for.

fully did we follow the three which guided us to the best associated the highest scholarship. All we had seen of the fraternity was the warm, roseate hue; but now the icy blue was to chill the picture. The "baby-blue" of our royal Beta hood, nor the cerulean of halcyon-Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, but the repellent shadow that shuts out the dim diamond's lustre.

a long series of unverified pre- the magnificent catalogue at beared. We spent hours in conjunction of its inspiring engravings wonderful array of names. From the address directory we learned that it was lived prominent men who wore the badge, men whose names familiar to the public as holding in of trust. Over that catalogue we went into that peculiarly dangerous mind known as thinking. Surely, our natural advantages of location in the metropolis, we could have one of the grand re-union banquets of such frequency in the west. We had read *Supper* in the magazine. We had heard of them. Now we should see two hundred nicely-worded invitations were prepared, marvels of typography, imprinted upon creamy linen lined with our monogram; and as for miles around bore the beau-

tiful missives to their destinations the committee turned to the preparation of minor details. Butchers vied with one another in the search for the animal; *chefs* ransacked their futile brains inventing the most luscious and enticing arrangements *au chien*; while an army of artists competed for the souvenir design.

I am afraid I neglected math. and chem. that month. I plunged wildly into the intricacies of *menu* French, became a connoisseur of art and a critic of undressed veal. Incidentally I followed the postman around town and eagerly awaited the flood of acceptances. Those were days and nights of a mad whirl of hope and enthusiasm and petty disappointments. Our honorable and honored friends delayed their answers to our cordial epistles; and, as the time wore on, a wee small voice began to grow insufferably stronger in my ears, while I found self-explanations becoming more and more inadequate.

One last idea finally became our refuge. Our invitation had been too formal, too cold, to merit a reply from *brothers*—yes, there was the reason. We must correct the matter at once; we must call on the gentlemen and extend our personal request. I thought our professor of physics would be a good subject for a beginning. He was such a good-hearted, sociable old fellow, it would be easiest to begin with him. I can vividly remember now every word he said—every reply that did the double duty of opening my eyes and cutting my heart.

I spoke to him, and he believed he did recollect something about a secret society thirty years ago. When he was a delicate freshman, a lot of upper-classmen one night took him out in the woods behind the dormitories where they tested his courage and hazed him brutally. He should never forget it. He confessed he had helped them "put others through" the following year, but he was older now and could not be expected to countenance youthful follies. He had noticed that all the best students in college were wearing a handsome badge, but he had never seen it before.

"No, Mr. Doane," he said, "I shall not give your meeting my encouragement. I

regret to see you perpetuating such customs in these days of universal enlightenment. I've no doubt you announce high-sounding mottoes and noble aims, but you practice other things you do not announce. You maltreat under-classmen, you divide the body of students into warring cliques, you do a great deal of harm, and you do no good. Excuse me now, I have a class waiting."

Had he given me a chance to answer I never could have said a word. The desk, the windows, and black-boards confusedly swam before my eyes—round and round, faster and faster—I felt myself suffocating until my teeth met in my lip and I rushed to my room. We had been deluded by myths. Where were those boasted loyal alumni for whom our fraternity is noted—those "silver-greys"? Could this white-headed old man have lied? And those pretty-tongued writers who had brought us to this—no wonder when the truth was so bitter they had cast it aside. I could not keep back the tears of vexation. I took it hard. Who would not when he had believed in it all so firmly and had his fondest creeds so ruthlessly dashed to pieces?

My room-mate, Graham, came in and handed me half-a-dozen letters. "There they are, Doane. Just come. I opened them. They're all regrets. What's the matter with your eyes, man? Anybody dead?"

"Yes, Graham, all the loyal alumni seem to be very dead;" and I smiled at my ghastly attempt to joke about the matter. Graham was such a typical sophomore, so blunt and pithy with his remarks, agreeable or otherwise, that I found him an invaluable confidant. Now as I unburdened my experience to him my spirits rose; and when I had finished the recital I felt like answering the professor, but I could not gather enough courage to try any one else.

The next day the mail from the suburbs was large. Four or five regrets came in, but with them were three conditional acceptances. At the meeting that night when all reported the prospect looked a little brighter. The other fellows had canvassed with gratifying results. None had been repulsed as I had. They had been invariably well received, and, though they had listened to the most sincere excuses in several instances, they heard no word against the fraternity. They had not seen every one yet, but when we

summed up we seemed sure of twenty-seven men besides our own active sixteen; and two weeks remained for further developments.

This gave me renewed energy, and I decided that I would interview the professor again. This time I determined it should be no one-sided affair, and there should be no classes to interrupt us. I called at his home in the evening, and took along an armful of ammunition in the shape of catalogue, constitution, and letters of acceptance. I operated on him somewhat as I would "work" a man for honorary membership, and this time I did most of the talking.

I told him of those prominent men who had promised to attend, of those who had gladly permitted us to use their names, and of those who had cheerfully agreed to "say something." I called his attention to the standing of our active members, and told him exactly what we did at our meetings. I showed him our constitution; and when I thought I saw his eyes sparkle at its once-familiar sentences I handed him our ritual and convinced him that beyond that we did not go. We had been guilty of no hazing, rather did we make our new brother's entrance to our privileges charming to him; and we had not "tested his courage." We had defended him from the mass of upper-classmen; we had given the home-sick boy a college *home*; we had given him brothers and the truest friends. We discountenanced cliques among the students, and I contended that, although our men hung together, they were the most popular men in college. It does not matter what more I said. It is sufficient that when I left Prof. Thomas had promised to preside at the *Δορυ*.

We consummated our arrangements. Several of the nearest chapters were to send delegates, and, altogether, we were certain of a large attendance. It was a victory, but it was tempered by the thought that it was gained more by our own exertions than by much spontaneous loyalty on the part of the alumni. It was a memorable *Δορυ*. At four tables eighty guests partook of that exhilarating meat which so well prepares for

"The feast of reason and the flow of soul."

How truly democratic it was. Here was the pioneer of '40 exchanging repartee with the youth of '80; the divine and the lawyer sat down together, joking

with the manufacturer and the editor across the table ; while the senator for the first time freely agreed with his constituents. Here was the supreme court justice defying public opinion by his intimacy with a railway president, and there was an athletic under-graduate telling a bald-headed physician what were the requirements of good health.

It seemed a very short time, but it was fully two hours before the professor arose and made the bow that silenced general conversation. I sat with a crimson face as he told the assemblage all he had said to me and all I had said to him, but I breathed easier and easier as he told how his mind had changed since he first talked to me and how the society had changed since he was a student. When he said that he was proud, letting bye-gones be bye-gones, to associate with the gentlemen he was addressing and thanked us for the honor we had bestowed upon him in bringing him to our gathering, the room resounded with cheers.

Then the pioneer told us of those early days of the fraternity when the badge was a very rare sight and the *Jolly* had

difference between the two ; and when the members of his former chapter had deserted and tried to claim their alumni, he had expressed his opinion of them very candidly ; their riddance was a real blessing. No, he would never desert the grand old fraternity !

Gush ? Did I ever hear such *cant* ? What could an impressionable boy think of all this ? I had felt the glow of fraternity enthusiasm and had suffered the pangs of bitterest disappointment. I had been thrilled with its superficial glories, and had recoiled in terror when the veil was partly lifted and I thought I saw deeper. Yet here was a clergyman saying things I never could believe he felt. Here were venerable men of spotless reputation seemingly engaged in a competition of lying. I was not the only one of the chapter tottering on the edge with almost bursting brain and quivering lips. The whole experience of the last few weeks passed vividly before my eyes, as, wrapped in my own thoughts, the other speakers were unheeded. It was only when the professor arose to have a last word that I shook off self and struggled

A TALE OF TWO CHAPTERS.

My thoughts sometimes turn to graveyard lore, and not long since I resolved to start on a junketing tour through the regions formerly occupied by our own dead western chapters. Let me say that this excursion was entirely on paper, and that the only expenses incurred came from the waste of postage stamps upon ex-editors, ex-general treasurers, and others high in authority in Beta Theta Pi, from whom I had expected brief answers at least. But human nature is the same the world over, and the "red-hot" of to-day becomes the tardy correspondent of tomorrow.

Alpha Iota, at Washington University, St. Louis, first attracted me, because I had never known much of it, and had never met anyone who did know of it. Correspondence in that direction was entirely fruitless, and I had the same experience with Alpha Psi of Butler University, Pi Sigma of Illinois College, and Pi Xi of Knox.

I head my article "A Tale of Two Chapters," for I can call your attention to but two of our dead western chapters. Pi Alpha, formerly called Alpha Alpha, was located at Monmouth College, a United Presbyterian institution at Monmouth, Ill., organized in 1856. The college is co-educational and is prosperous, the last catalogue showing an attendance of 336, of which number 177 were in the college proper. The church is radically opposed to all secret societies, and the college laws are emphatically against the Greeks.

A common saying in newspaper language is "a woman was at the bottom of it," and the oft-quoted sentence admirably serves as a text for this story. Many futile efforts were made by Betas to gain a foothold in Monmouth at different times before 1865, when a pink-and-blue Beta girl started the movement that was successful. Will W. Eastman, of Iota, one fine evening met a fair Hoosier maiden of Monmouth, who spoke of Monmouth's flourishing condition and bright prospects. She also told him it rejoiced her heart to see Mr. Moffatt, a student at Monmouth, wearing the Beta badge that reminded her of happy golden days with the boys of Hanover. Under the subtle influence

of such a charming advocate, brother Eastman then and there resolved to investigate the college and to try to found a chapter of the Beta Theta Pi. Accordingly he wrote to Dr. Wallace, the president of the college, asking whether he would approve the proposed plan. Dr. Wallace handed the letter to brother Moffatt, telling him to do what he thought best in the matter.

Of course the decision was to start a chapter; and by the unanimous vote of the fraternity Nu chapter was established December 16th, 1865, with James E. Moffatt (of Pi), president; Joseph C. Gordon, recorder; Albert McCalla, treasurer; Thomas Shaver and H. R. McClelland, corresponding secretaries; every member having an office and being correspondingly happy. May 15th, 1866, the chapter name was changed to Alpha Alpha, and the organization had a very prosperous existence until 1878, when the college senate passed an anti-fraternity law. It initiated in all fifty-six members; fifty-three of whom are living. Eighteen are preachers, eleven business men, seven lawyers, six physicians, five professors, and six editors.

One of the best known members is the one who furnished the materials for the above sketch, George Creath Rankin, who was editor of the BETA THETA PI in 1877-78, was general secretary in 1876-77, and was secretary of the Evansville convention of 1875. Mr. Rankin, since 1881, has been clerk of the circuit court. He is an enthusiastic Beta. David Reed Miller has written Beta songs.

The five founders are all living. James Erskine Moffatt was salutatorian of the class of 1866, was pastor at Decatur, Ill., from 1869 to 1873, and since 1878 has been pastor at Cumberland, Md. Thomas Shaver is a physician at Rolling Mills, Ky. Joseph Claybaugh Gordon is a professor in the National Deaf-Mute College at Washington, D. C., where he has been for thirteen years. Hugh R. McClelland is now pastor at Mt. Jackson, Pa. His name does not appear in the catalogue, for some reason. Last of all, Albert McCalla is a professor in Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, and I mention him last as he was the founder of the second chapter of

cle, the Alpha Zeta at the University of Chicago.

In 1868-9 the University of Chicago opened its doors to many students; and a prosperous era seemed opening. Financial embarrassment had not yet wrapped its coils about the institution, and who, at the time, could say that one of the leading fraternities of America would not be at the University? Western fraternities entered the field, and there seemed a favorable opportunity to establish a branch of Beta Theta Pi. Albert McCalla, of Monmouth, N. J., (now a minister of Detroit), and Charles Calkins, of Detroit, initiated, and became the charter members. They soon initiated John J. Henderson, now a teacher at Lake Forest, and ceremonies taking place in the presence of D. G. Hamilton, one of the founders of Chicago Betas. But a secret society suddenly became aware of the existence of strong chapters of Psi Upsilon at K. E., which had been secretly organized and were partly composed of members of existing western fraternities. Material for initiation was scarce, and the alternatives were to recruit poor men just to keep up the chapter, or to stifle the infant. Few initiations were made. One or two members graduated in 1869, and there were never more than a few in the chapter at any one time. Finally the members left college, and the chapter became extinct. The Chicago chapter was freely consulted, and the

opinions of such Betas as R. W. Smith and D. G. Hamilton were ascertained before active work ceased. Mr. Henderson entered the Baptist Union Theological Seminary, then located close to the university, and in 1871 he was invited to join Psi Upsilon, and, there being no Beta chapter at the university, felt at liberty to accept the invitation, although he held to the friendships he had made in our fraternity. The catalogue editors, following the rule of expunging from the records of Beta Theta Pi all names found in catalogues of other fraternities unless good proof of loyalty was shown, erased his name. Such is the story as I have learned it from Prof. John J. Halsey, of Lake Forest, Ill., and from Rev. C. R. Henderson, D.D., of the LaFayette Avenue Baptist Church, of Detroit, Mich.

Though the chapter failed, there is nothing discreditable in the record. The members made a hard struggle for the chapter. One of them says: "I did the best I could for Beta Theta Pi, while there was any field for it. Members could have been secured, but not such as we wished. The mistake lay in trying to begin the chapter then, but it was very natural, as the prospects of the institution were hopeful then and there were many students. But no one knew that already two powerful eastern societies were secretly organized."

The story of a chapter's life is interesting, and, no doubt, many a bit of romance and many an exciting adventure are hidden away in old records.

F. W. Shepardson.

COR. SECS. AND OTHER PEOPLE.

— Several of the chapters are in a very embarrassing dilemma. They are among our strongest and best, but have been so woefully misrepresented during the year by their own chosen corresponding secretaries that they begin to feel very uncomfortable under the scrutinizing gaze of our conservative element. The fraternity is so large, and personal tours of inspection are so entirely out of the question, that we have but one way of forming an idea of a chapter, and that is by the report of its cor. sec. It is the first duty of the cor. sec. to inform the fraternity of his chapter's condition, and in nine cases out of ten he neglects that duty. Now, these embarrassed chapters—and there are more than two dozen—hardly know what to do to avert the inevitable disgrace they are rapidly approaching. Their last semi-annual did them irretrievable harm. They never hear from the other chapters. Their most important officer never makes any report of his work. They think it a very delicate matter to ask him to let one of the other fellows try his hand, or even to give some of his work to an assistant. But if they could appreciate the enormity of the trouble accumulating from this incompetency they would take the matter into their own hands at once.

— The fraternity at large assumes that the secretary is the most intelligent and active member, from the fact that his office is the most honorable in the chapter. He is the sole member of the active chapter who is an officer of the general fraternity. He holds a distinctly elevated position relative to the other members; and we are justified in believing that his selection is the result of his comparative superiority, however slight in degree.

— An eminent writer recently said: "It is a curious fact that the busiest men have always been the best and most voluminous letter-writers—note Lamb and Dickens. The man who thinks he has not time to answer a letter properly is generally too lazy to do anything else." Some cor. secs. give as an excuse for their negligence that they have no time for the

duties. Then let them resign the office immediately. There is always a man in the chapter who has the time, and with it the ability. It has been my experience that the best cor. secs., of late years, have been good students, have taken college honors, have conducted college publications, and have done all these things well without neglecting any of them. Let all those poor over-worked men who can not find time make room for those who can. Give your chapters a chance to refuse your resignation. If they are satisfied with your work, you will feel all the better for a vindication.

— Unfortunately, there is another extreme. We are occasionally afflicted with what is known as a "lightning cor. sec." This species is by far the most dangerous of the genus; or, rather, he is the most dangerous to his chapter, for he never does much harm to anyone else. He is generally by far the best man in his chapter and therefore is supreme dictator at home. He is not a bad man to have in a chapter if he is carefully watched. But let him break loose from restraint, give him an opportunity to air himself, and he will sprawl all over the fraternity much to the amusement of older heads and to the delight of the chapter-killer's ghost. This is the man who in a few months develops in his brain an entirely novel and efficient plan for running a great fraternity and launches forth an aggressive ante-convention ventilation of his scheme to a select number of chapters soliciting their backing "next August." When this man goes to convention, if he ever does, he finds himself under the painful necessity of making innumerable personal apologies before anyone will have anything to do with him. Watch for him "next August."

— And watch for the quiet, unassuming young man whom all the delegates know by reputation as the cor. sec. of — chapter. He has a non-committal way of pleasing everybody, of apparently agreeing with everything you say, while convincing you that his plans, while they are slight modifications of yours, are preferable. At the end of three days you will

find that you have voted invariably as he did and always for the best. He is the man who took college honors, edited his college magazine, managed the annual publication, and in part paid his own tuition during the year. He is a *rara avis*, but he is also a fact. So much for cor. secs. We find we are acquainted with three classes of them—incompetent nonentities, enthusiastic absurdities, and paragons.

— Then the old theory that all Betas are alike must be exploded? It seems exactly so. I do not believe Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, and Alpha Eta have the same standards. I hope not. I took those names in alphabetical order with no preconceived malice; but will anyone at all familiar with those chapters compare them? Truly it appears there is caste in Beta Theta Pi. The question is what are we going to do about it? Perhaps we had better wait and see what the "quiet, unassuming young man" thinks about it. He has probably thought of a remedy which he will present to the next convention. I wonder if the chapter-killer's ghost can keep him.

— If anyone has any lingering doubts that Beta Theta Pi does not include all sorts and conditions of men, let him apply for membership to the Wooglin Club. The prevailing notion about the membership of this club is entirely erroneous. Everyone may go to Chautauqua, but everyone may not be admitted to the Wooglin Club. In spite of all the creeds and tenets of our founders, we have assumed a second degree. This new degree is just as far above the general fraternity as the ordinary active chapter is above the under-graduate mass. It is as hard for a member of Theta to get into Wooglin as it is for a freshman to get into Theta. I cast no personal reflections, but take Theta as a representative chapter. I have taken the trouble to inform myself of the Wooglin Club and feel competent to declare its membership the cream of the fraternity. I am not a member yet, but my application is filed.

— Have you not come to the conclusion that we are an enormous fraternity? I have been only too forcibly reminded of the fact for several years, both by smaller organizations and by some of our own officers. When we look over the field of

rivals and notice the handsome chapter houses owned by those compact literary societies with four or five chapters within a few miles of each other—a few hours and dollars—can we help wonder whether our fraternity is not an unwieldy loose-jointed affair by comparison? Is it official in one of those minute organizations must revel in a sinecure. No long list of chapters to remember; no journey of three thousand miles to convention; prechapter-killers, and cranks unknown why, the very thought is refreshing. But would we exchange with them and give up the long chapter roll we have worked for? Where should we begin? Which chapter should we be willing to part with first? For my part, I should cling to all we have. I would establish several more chapters, and if we can compel a chapter to keep a high standard (I think we can), I am for the second degree plan—a selection from the select.

— Have some of the chapters an idea that we spend over a thousand dollars a year on a magazine simply for the amusement of the thing? If not, why do they designate incompetent men to write their magazine letters? Is there not enough literary ability in some member of every chapter to write a letter that can be read by some one besides himself? When a chapter appoints its unusually brilliant and most conceited member to furnish the magazine with ballast, that worthy dashes off a few pages of extempore literature on both sides of the paper, a mass of *ands*, *ands*, and commas, affixes an undecipherable signature, and submits it a few days after the paper goes to press. I pity the proof-reader, who *has* to read everything.

— You have seen the particulars in the newspapers lately of the most atrocious murder on record, and know all about the unsuccessful attempts to find the assassin. Well, I did it. That man had been taunting me about my frat. for years. I stood it until he said: "Your society has passed its acme. It is on the decline. Your magazine tells the story. It is worse than last year. You have five or six chartered chapters that do not hold meetings twice a year. Half your chapters have to scramble in the dregs to keep up their numbers. And look at your board of directors—how much directing do they do?" My answer let his blood out of a score of wounds. I pleaded a fit of

temporary mental aberration. I could possibly have convinced him that his assertions were false, but his last remark touched a tender spot. I was tired of worrying up answers to such questions. It seems I do almost nothing else.

— When I see a perambulator all trimmed out with pink ribbons I don't speak of the infantile occupant as "it." And when I am introduced to a pretty baby wearing a light-blue sack or wrapped in a vapory azure shawl, I can bet on a certainty that *he* may grow to active membership. You are wrong if you think this has nothing to do with the case. A married man tells me what explains our colors. "When a man was

initiated into our chapter, long before Beta Theta Pi had any colors, we used to put a knot of pink-and-blue on our coats to show our rivals that we had two additions to our ranks. We never took a man who could not bring a girl over to our side. We never took a man unless he was decent enough to include a girl. That was our test of candidates. Our chapters always kept twins in the family. When the fraternity was looking around for colors they generalized the custom." *Hæc fabula docet* that everyone should take an extra copy of the magazine for his girl, and that no one need apply for admission to the Wooglin Club unless he has matrimonial intentions.

F.

THE HAND-BOOK OF 1886.

I have examined the hand-book with a feeling of pleasurable surprise. When the magazine editor announced his plan I mentally predicted for it a dismal failure. I had had long and painful experiences with the chapters and the class of information which they would supply when called upon, and it seemed hardly possible that a book, containing such a large mass of detail necessarily gathered from imperfectly kept records, by ill-trained, though it may be enthusiastic, secretaries, could be worth while putting together. My own experience had been somewhat as follows in catalogue work: the chapter when called upon for a list of members would respond by sending a list in which several names were omitted, no full names were given, city street numbers an unheard of geographical refinement, and accuracy as to details an impossibility; and when the editor gazed with exasperation and amusement struggling for the mastery in his bewildered mind, the situation would be accented by a remark from the secretary that "we are sorry that this is not more perfect, but brother Smith, who had undertaken the work, is away and what we send is the best we can do. When will the book be ready? This chapter will take one copy at least?"

Then, too, there is no class of men harder to follow and trace than recent college graduates. They change residence and occupations with bewildering rapidity, and think it entirely superfluous to send any word to their respective chapters of the change. I have known men to move from a small country town to New York and think it queer that they could not be readily and easily found without the aid of street numbers.

The information which the editor promised other than the list of names I did not despair of, for much of it was accessible and obtainable, but I had misgivings, nevertheless. When I took up the book I was surprised at its size, at its orderly arrangement, and at its completeness. The opening resumé of the events of the past five years, especially of the legislation and constitutional changes, is a most valuable contribution to our fraternity literature, and should be a mine of information for the active members. It illustrates, however, the oscillating character of the fraternity. It is a constant source of wonder to the writer that the vitality of the fraternity has been able to stand the strain of its sudden and excessive changes of opinion and policy. One year it has been for the widest extension and liberal

construction of constitutional limitations, and the next the most intense spirit of conservatism has prevailed, one year admitting to the family a chapter of doubtful standing and the next refusing a petition from a strong local organization that would have done credit to any fraternity. The attitude of the fraternity as to other questions has been just as changeable and teaches us a valuable lesson. Is it not time that Beta Theta Pi outlined a policy of extension as well as a policy as to membership, and assumed the courage to cut off chapters that, being young, are inefficient, or, being old, are unworthy of their ancestry?

The short historical introduction is pregnant with suggestions, and the coming convention may find, in a careful perusal of it, the themes for much discussion and some legislation. The older alumni will view with satisfaction—but slightly tempered with regret—the abolition of our hybrid system of chapter nomenclature, and the substitution for it of sensible English names.

I take it for granted that all of the readers of the magazine have examined if not read the book. I have studied over

it with some interest. The short note under each chapter heading contains hints which might be expanded into useful articles by the secretaries of the chapters. The list of names is unusually full and seemingly unusually accurate. I can assure that the secretaries have profited by the examples set in our catalogue, and have endeavored to secure reasonably full data. Full names are not always given, and in several instances the secretaries might have obtained further facts without much trouble.

I leave to statisticians the determination and enumeration of all the startling facts of which such a list may be made the basis—which state contains the greatest number of members, which chapter has the largest percentage of relatives, how many persons have been initiated named Smith, and the like.

The list is valuable and interesting and reflects credit upon its compiler. I can only suggest that hereafter it might be exceedingly useful to have the names of initiates placed upon a roll in the BETA THETA PI as soon as they are reported to the General Secretary.

William Raimond Baird.

EDITORIAL.

THE FRATERNITY IS INDEBTED to Mr. Frank M. Joyce, of the DePauw chapter, business manager of the BETA THETA PI, for obtaining the portraits of five of our founders. The names of Knox, Hardin, Marshall, Gordon, and Linton are well known to all members of the fraternity, and now the faces of these old friends of ours will become equally familiar, for the portraits will be found in every chapter hall.

IT MAY BE that recent discussions regarding the initiation of preparatory students have given rise to the impression that such initiations are the rule in Beta Theta Pi. The fact is that preparatory students are hardly an appreciable part of the fraternity. About twenty-seven of our colleges have no preparatory department, and at most of the remaining colleges our chapters do not admit preparatory students. In 1884-85 thirty-nine of our forty-five chapters had no preparatory students at all; and in the other six chapters the preparatory students were less than one-fourth part of the active membership. In the same year, with a total active membership of six hundred and eighty-seven, we had only twenty preparatory students, or less than three per cent. The Hand-Book of 1886 shows that at no time within the last five years have more than four per cent. of our active members been preparatory students, and that at the present time the preparatory students are not two per cent.

NOT LONG AGO we met an intelligent and companionable young gentleman whose name had a very familiar sound. By and by we learned that he had attended a certain college with whose ambitious title we have nothing to do just now, and immediately we suspected why the gentleman's name seemed such an old friend. Having become well acquainted, we asked him whether he had not been a petitioner for a Beta Theta Pi charter. He said, "Yes, I went with our crowd; but I didn't know much about the matter; I left it all with the leaders." We inquired what became of the crowd after the charter was refused. He said, "We got a charter from another fraternity, the Kappas." We tried to learn the full name of the Kappas. He did not know. "Phi Kappa Psi?" we suggested. "Yes," said he, "that was it." Yet upon investigation we found that there has never been a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at that college; and therefore the real name of "the Kappas" is to us as much of a mystery as it is to that unenthusiastic Greek.

DOES ANY ONE KNOW an infallible mark whereby to select good fraternity material? Such a mark would be very handy. To be sure, there is many a man that in one glance can be seen to be the best possible timber. Yet there are also many whose fitness can not be known without careful experiment. Such was the young man of whom we have just now been talking, the member of the Kappas. He was such a companionable man that the Kappas had good reason for expecting that he would be an excellent member; and yet he turned out to be wholly worthless as a fraternity worker. Mistakes like this are not strictly confined to our anonymous friends, the Kappas.

THAT MISFORTUNE OF THE KAPPAS reminds us of a story regarding the interest that Yale men take in the fraternities. A friend of ours, who is an enthusiastic D. K. E. from a western college, met a Yale alumnus and asked him whether he was a member of D. K. E. The Yale man said, "D. K. E.? D. K. E.? I really don't remember. I belonged to one of those junior societies, but I don't remember which it was. Yet wait a minute. I think I can find out. Do you know what junior society Henry Thompson belonged to?" Our D. K. E. friend answered, with as much enthusiasm as the circumstances permitted, that Mr. Thompson was a Psi U. He was much surprised, whether agreeably or not we can not say, when the Yale man said, "Then I was a D. K. E.; for we roomed together, and I remember very distinctly that we belonged to different societies."

THE HAND-BOOK OF 1886, besides being a work with a field of its own, is in effect a supplement bringing the catalogue of 1881 down to date. As everyone who has the catalogue will need the Hand-Book, and as in fact the Hand-Book is absolutely essential to any one who wishes to be fully informed as to the recent history and present condition of the fraternity, more copies have been prepared than are needed by the subscribers to the magazine. There has been a special edition, printed upon superior paper and bound handsomely. Almost all of the copies of that edition are taken. We are still able to supply copies of the paper-covered edition. This is printed upon the same paper as the magazine, and has the blue cover of the BETA THETA PI. It differs from the magazine in having the edges trimmed and in having as a frontispiece portraits of five of our founders. From the low price that is asked for this paper-covered edition one might infer that it is undesirable, but in fact it is a handsome pamphlet of ninety-eight pages, with frontispiece as already mentioned; and probably it is the best edition for common use. It has been put at a low price in order that every active member may have a copy of the Hand-Book and thus have the means of becoming a more intelligent worker for the fraternity.

OPEN LETTERS.

The New York "Dorg."

Annual re-union of New York high took place February 19th, unqualified success. Under the of the New York alumni, Rutgers, and Columbia chapters, eeks sacrificed a *dory* and made to Wooglin.

after eight o'clock the parlors at were filled with Betas renewing making new acquaintances, while graduates were meeting "silver- until all present became personal nd brothers in fact as well as in At 10 o'clock brother Baird, s, '78, and Columbia, '82), the 1 of the evening, led the way to uet room where the canine was mulated.

Ewing M. Thomas, (Cumber- 5), paid a humorous tribute to pr;" E. M. Alden, (Rutgers, '88), r "Beta Gamma;" E. F. White, s, '86), for "Sigma;" J. E. Clute, ia, '87), for "Alpha Alpha;" and al, (Cornell, '86), summed up for t II." Paul Wilcox, (DePauw, onded, as no other can, to "The followed by Dr. J. C. Zachos, 1, '40), on "Liberty, Equality, ty," the *piece de resistance* of the H. F. Gunnison, (St. Lawrence, honor to "The Press," amid con- upplause, and "The BETA THETA s defended by R. L. Fearn, i, '84.)

ipore remarks followed by E. D. eys, (Madison, '82), after which ic circle was formed. The *menu* ie handsomest ever seen in the y, were ornamented with a full- Beta badge.

lition to the speakers, the follow- : present: From Rutgers: John 32; Rev. W. S. Cramer, '82; C. rison, '85; W. A. Barrows, Jr., uel Dodd, '88; I. W. Reynolds, D. W. Drury, '89; and A. B. 1, '89. From Stevens: W. O. '84; H. F. Mitchell, '84; J. C. '84; C. A. Hall, '87; C. J. Field, C. Post, '86; D. A. Walton, '87; nith, '88; H. C. Ferris, '88; M. ilton, '88; J. L. Coker, '88; L.

G. Paine, '86; J. H. Sheldon, '89; and E. M. Drummond, '88. Also W. G. Benton, (DePauw, '74); W. S. Buffum, (Amherst, '84); A. J. Dillingham, (Union, '88); H. G. Darwin, (Columbia, '87); W. T. Partridge, (Columbia, '88), S. E. Gage, (Columbia, '87); G. D. Curtis, (Kenyon, '80); A. F. D'Oench, (Washington University, '72); F. E. D'Oench, (Washington University, '74); W. A. Ewing, (Michigan, '64); W. B. Gunnison, (St. Lawrence, '75); E. B. Harvey, (Brown, '84); G. B. Helmle, (St. Lawrence, '85); W. R. Pryor, (University of Virginia, '75); F. T. Smith, (Bethany, '80); and F. E. Wilcox, (Cornell, '83.)

F.

The Philadelphia Alumni.

The Philadelphia alumni chapter scored another success in their annual *dory*, on April 20th, at the Colonnade Hotel. The committee who conducted the affair consisted of Theodore Morris, Dr. J. M. Bradford, and Dr. N. P. Grimm. Among those present, in addition to the speakers of the evening, were: J. M. Bradford, M. D., '84; W. R. Cochrane, M. D., '85; N. P. Grimm, M. D., '85; C. J. Irwin, M. D., '85; J. C. DaCosta, M. D., '82; Theodore Maris, '84; H. L. Patterson, '85; G. A. Freyer, '86; and J. P. Krecker, '87, (all of the University of Pennsylvania); G. W. Schwartz, '84, and F. T. Baker, '85, of Dickinson; and T. G. Smith, Jr., Stevens, '85.

Hobart A. Hare, M. D., (University of Pennsylvania, '84), was the master of ceremonies. The toasts were: "The Fraternity," Prof. Theophilus Parvin, (Indiana University, '47); "Our Chapter," Dr. S. D. Risley, (Iowa State, '67); "Phi," George Fetterolf, (University of Pennsylvania, '87); "Alpha Sigma," J. C. Reynolds, (Dickinson, '88); "Medicine," Dr. T. B. Bradford, (Princeton, '81); "Law," Chas. Adamson, (University of Pennsylvania, '82); and "Our Secretary," T. J. Shiel, (Brown, '82). Extempore remarks followed by nearly all present. Letters of regret were read from General Beaver, Hon. E. B. Mitchell, and Paul Wilcox, Esq. Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay was detained at his home by sudden and serious illness after having

made all arrangements to attend. A vote of regret was passed that the late secretary, Prof. James Beatty, had left Philadelphia. T. J. Shiel, was elected to fill the vacancy.

F.

The Board of Directors.

In a recent issue it was stated that the "last of the we-kickems" had died; and while that is a fact, still, like the author of "Called Back," he keeps on writing even from the tombs, and now asks attention to the Board of Directors of Beta Theta Pi. It is written "Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of the people," and so the step must be light that treads upon the majesty enthroned.

The board never has or can have a full meeting, and is composed of two classes: (1) non-resident figureheads, (2) acting members. By constitutional requirement only the majority reside at Cincinnati. The members are well known to Beta Theta Pi; but they are too much interested in business to attend to fraternity matters for nothing. No fault is found with the members, but it is a mistake to elect honored names when working members are needed. So at the next convention the active Betas will demand that younger alumni be elected to the directory. We must have directors who have time to attend to fraternity matters. The figureheads or absentee members should be abandoned, and all of the directors should be elected from one city or vicinity, Cincinnati, Chicago, Cleveland, or New York.

These points are clearly to be considered, for the directory ought to be composed of men who care and will meet at stated times. A man who was an active Beta forty years ago is not to be selected as a director on that account. Has he the time and the inclination to meet ten times a year with his fellows to discuss the founding of a chapter in the University of Texas and similar questions? We want a strong central body, alive to present interests of the fraternity.

"Called Back."

A Few Observations on Omicron, "C. K.," and the Family Physician.

Attention has, once or twice, been called to the present condition of the University of Virginia chapter.

They say it is cowardly to strike a man when he is down, and much more so, we

should say, when he is dead. For this reason, I do not mean to attack "C. K." The fact is, there is much truth in what "C. K." has written about Omicron. Being put into a position in which it was necessary to find out something about her present condition, I will say,

1. Omicron is in a bad, very bad, state of affairs. Has had only one meeting this session, and that was not fully attended. Its men (eleven in number), with one or two exceptions, are apparently without enthusiasm. Only two of the number were at the university last session—these being initiated at Omicron.

2. Brother Talley, in his late communication, said that since the Betas, as a rule, come from different colleges, and are in different departments of the university and reside at places remote from one another, it is difficult for them to become acquainted with each other and the rest of the students. This is a very correct statement of the case. But I do not see that the students at the University of Virginia are at a greater disadvantage in this regard than those at Johns Hopkins or Michigan University and like schools.

3. Notwithstanding the "run-down" state of affairs in Omicron this session, since often almost the entire *personnel* changes in a year, next session she may consist of as good and enthusiastic a set of young men as have been at the university for years. So that the course to pursue is not so apparent as "C. K." would have us believe.

4. Number 3 suggests a possible explanation of Omicron's conditions—it is beyond doubt a partial explanation—the other chapters of the fraternity do not send men out sufficiently blessed with enthusiastic love for the order.

5. The next convention must solve Omicron's problem. It is certainly a troublesome one.

It will be seen that I take sides neither with nor against Omicron and her charter, but only state a few facts which may throw light on the case.

His "Family Physician" announces the demise of "Chapter Killer." Never was family physician, I am sure, so elated at the death of a patient. I am afraid he was unable to attend the funeral for holding his sides with laughter. Such an unsympathetic family physician we have never had the privilege of meeting. But he gives us the immediate cause of

his patient's somewhat sudden death. "C. K." sung "that melody"—physician need not have added—"and died." As the fatal lines are not within quotation marks, we are led to believe that "Family Physician" himself wrote them, and prescribed them for the sick man. A very desperate remedy to be sure. Half the dose, no doubt, would have proved fatal to the average *well* man.

But the saddest thing about "C. K.'s" death is that, as far as is reported, he failed to take in the "preparatory course" before leaving this world of probation. To be serious, however, whether "C. K." is dead or only in a trance (feel his pulse again, physician), whether he is in hades, sheol, or "a place called—well," if I am not mistaken, he will appear in Cincinnati the liveliest corpse the family physician has met in all his practice.

I am neither a disciple of "C. K.'s" nor yet an enemy. But it does seem to me that moderation should characterize all of our deliberations. Nor should we entertain extreme or rash views on any of the questions pertaining to our fraternity life. Let us say to all extremists, those who are wholesale "prep" initiators, to the cliquers, and to the sleeping chapters, as well as to the man who with red paint and scalping knife raises the war-whoop and rushes into the fight without knowing exactly whom he is fighting and without being sure that his reasons for fighting are valid reasons and not magnified by his imagination; let us say to such: "Remember the late 'Dakota blizzard' tragedy." Or, let us turn them over to our family physician, who will *fix* them with a dose—a few stanzas—of his celebrated Killehoff remedy.

E. B. P., of Alpha Kappa.

"A Second Daniel."

It seems that Beta Theta Pi is not alone at fault at the University of Virginia. Southern Kappa Alpha is trying hard to gain a position among the leading fraternities, and mark well this editorial article in the February number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*: "Lambda chapter is a source of much grief to us. The University of Virginia, as we have said before, is the place for the banner chapter in Virginia. It should be the rallying point of all Virginia Kappa Alphas; from it should emanate the influences that would nerve all other chapters; but, as it

is now, it is a point of weakness. Kappa Alphas rarely meet in session, we hear that they affiliate more with men of other fraternities than they with each other. We have written them several times, but as yet have received no reply. They have not sent a chapter letter since we commented Vol. III. of the *Journal*. Would it not be better to withdraw Lambda's chapter [Hear! Hear!] unless some plan can be devised to cause her members to make earnest effort to build up their chapter and to advance the interests of the order at large?"

That's the way another fraternity describes the situation at the University of Virginia; and if stories are true, Kappa Alpha isn't the only companion Beta Theta Pi has in her misery.

Herod the Second.

The University of Virginia and the Beta Alumni There.

The official chapter-killer seems to have excited himself very unnecessarily about the University of Virginia chapter. Indeed, the formidable array of arguments which he has adduced would be very startling if they were not already so well known as to lose some of the force of novelty. The writer should have summed up his arguments in one word, it seems to me, and the result of them all would be what is the exact state of affairs, viz.: that the Omicron is dead, and exists only in the directory of the BETA THETA PI. Lest I may be accused of making too "broad specifications," I will quote from a letter, which I have before me, from one of the Beta alumni now at the University of Virginia. "The chapter here," says he, "under that designation, does not exist. There are eight or nine men, but we have never had a meeting, and one of the men I have never met. The chapter has no existence, nor will it be likely to come into being this year. . . . Our reason for acting so was just the bald fact that we had no time to spare from this awful grind of the law course for any outside purpose however praiseworthy. . . . Certainly you have very sufficient ground for advocating the extinction of any such joke as this for a chapter, and any material you may get out of this you are welcome to use for the purpose."

Nothing can be plainer than this. It is the natural outcome, too, of the method

of study required at the university. Nobody can regret this state of facts more than myself, but since it exists and is likely to continue, the honor of the fraternity demands that the question whether such a chapter shall be retained on our list should be seriously asked. Is it likely that things will ever become better? When Warren Talley went up from Alpha Kappa and Alex. Terrell from Xi, the Virginia chapters looked confidently to see Omicron revive and take a foremost place among the fraternities of the university; but when the earnest efforts of these two zealous Betas came to naught we all saw there could be no hope either now or for the future.

The grave editorial in the December number of the BETA THETA PI is hardly less amusing to one knowing the facts than the strenuous arraignment by "C. K." I wish I could quote from it at length, but I have not the space. I can only say that "C. K.'s" indisputable facts refute every point adduced in it. I must notice one or two sentences. It says: "We are not in a position to speak regarding the other fraternities, but certainly our Omicron is a chapter of which we need not be ashamed." The fact is that Omicron is non-existent and has been virtually dead for the past two years. It is justly counted out of the race by its rivals (I will not say it is despised), and some of these rivals have flourishing and enthusiastic chapters. "We have to accept with charity the peculiarities of each college; and it will not do to blame a Beta chapter for not revolutionizing the customs of a whole university." Now I ask if it does not require a little too much charity to accept peculiarities which result in a chapter of Beta Theta Pi which holds no meetings, makes no initiations, has no organization, and, as a chapter, knows nothing of the workings of the fraternity.

I have been thus plain in the matter because the Betas elsewhere might be misled by the neat white-washing—most dexterously done—by the esteemed editor of the magazine in the December issue. I must ask that my suggestion regarding the withdrawal of Omicron's charter be taken seriously. Thus 'tis meant. If there are needed any more specific charges than those given in the words of its own members, I beg to ask what will constitute a cause for revoking the charter of a chapter. *M., of Xi.*

From a Member of Omicron.

As to "C. K.'s" letter in the December issue we must say we are grieved. Grieved because he should select Omicron for a victim, and write a letter that is calculated to place other chapters of Beta Theta Pi and the general fraternity press under the impression that the organization at the University of Virginia is a disgrace to the name it bears. Had our brother an intimate acquaintance with the student life at the university, and the general customs among fraternity men there, he could not think so seriously of the matters upon which he bases his opinion that Omicron's charter should be withdrawn. The chapter is held in high esteem by fraternities at the university, and has been composed, during the years of which I have any personal knowledge, of men occupying positions of honor and high standing. I had seen something of fraternity life before my name was placed on Omicron's roll, and I think the men of that chapter would compare favorably in every respect with the men of any other chapter of our own or any other fraternity.

As was well said by one of the editors in the same issue, the charges made by "C. K." "look rather broad." "C. K." says that Talley, in his November letter, seemed to think Omicron needed two or three apologies. Well, suppose it does. Does that make it needful to suppress its charter? Is not an apology made for some tardiness or neglect in almost every chapter-letter written for the columns of our magazine? "C. K." also arraigns Omicron on the "queer stories from southern chapters," and the "sneering comments of the fraternity press." Now the former are merely opinions of individual chapters, which are certainly not so situated as to judge correctly of matters among Betas at other institutions. These opinions are most probably not general, even in the chapter whose cor. sec. may have given them expression, and were hastily formed, based upon the fact that Beta customs at Omicron are different from those with which the cor. sec., in his own limited sphere of knowledge, is acquainted. As to the latter, we need only remind ourselves of the weight usually given to sneering comments in a fraternity journal. In the first place, such sneers are usually made by the chapter cor. sec. of some rival organization, whose petty jealousy has been aroused by a commendable

existing in the men at whom attacks are made, and are generally, statements of "C. K.'s letter, and indefinite that it is not necessary to answer them, and consequently, ignored. In the end, it is a well-known fact that the arguments referred to are never contrary to one chapter or fraternity, but, a situation where a jealous enmity between the representatives of different fraternities, such comments are sent and usually bitter; and the innocent and successful a chapter under those circumstances the question will there be for general consideration. The chapter at the University of Iowa is certainly very favorably situated to become a target for such misrepresentation, as there are about twenty different fraternities represented there, and of them publishing a journal. The maining charges adduced by the critics are so vague that one can hardly say that they mean. In fact, they consist only in the words which are used in expression, and might very well be applied against any other chapter in the university by any one who knows of the chapter save its name. Citing some statistics, in which the writer shows himself ignorant in many of the facts he recites, he proposes to "arraign Omicron on several

In these grounds he plainly states that he misconceives the object of a fraternity is founded, and the result of all efforts in the real interest of the university should be directed. Each of the grounds, excepting, probably, the first and third, seems to be based on the idea that the great and only object of a national college fraternity is to bring together a number of students to make themselves recipients of honor in college life, and in other fraternities to sing their praises and herald abroad the name of their organization as synonymous with honor. Now, I think these attainments are commendable and worthy of every student's efforts; but I must consider them only incidentally advantageous; and consider the prime objects of a fraternity to be the social pleasure, moral elevation, and intellectual improvement of young men who are necessarily separated from these advantages by an absence from home and intimate

friends. Should we kill a chapter and deprive all Betas and other students who might hereafter become members of it of these advantages simply because the number of honors credited to the fraternity in the catalogue would not thereby be lessened? Should we withdraw the charter of a chapter because its membership would be small but for the transfer of men from other chapters, or because it "can not live except by the help of men already Betas?" Does not the same good result to the student's life in a chapter which is in the main an aggregation of Betas, as in one where every man is an initiate? Such good could not result from the mere attendance of Betas at the same university; it would only be as the meeting of men in after life who belong to the same fraternity. There must be some immediate and common interest to bring the men into close association with one another; and brotherly love and true fraternity spirit have always been best developed by the ties of chapter life.

But has Omicron any interest in the general fraternity? Being composed largely of "transferred men," of course, the interest taken by each individual member depends upon the impression he receives from his associations in his native chapter. But, as a body, Omicron feels a deep interest in the general welfare and success of Beta Theta Pi, and always takes great pride in the glory of her name. That this interest is not shown in the same manner in which some other chapters exhibit theirs, is probably due to the peculiarities of university life and to the fact that Omicron's members are usually men more advanced in age than those at college chapters and feel less inclined to the conventionalities of school-boy life.

My limited time and your limited space, both of which I have already taxed, forbid a further study of vague, indefinite sentences in an endeavor to collect therefrom specific charges against the university chapter. Shall not I, who have had so much better opportunity than *our deceased brother* to judge of that whereof I speak, venture, in conclusion, to differ with him in regard to the withdrawal of Omicron's charter, and to hope that such an imprudent step on our part may not disturb the peaceful rest of his ashes?

D. T. E., of Epsilon and Omicron.
Versailles, Ky., March 22, 1886.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Ohio State University.

The establishment of Theta Delta in December last under the direct supervision of some seventy Ohio Betas, together with a loyal delegation from Ann Arbor, gave the new chapter a "boom" at the start that has helped to put us in a condition for good fraternity work. The reason for so large an attendance, it must be stated, was the third Ohio re-union of Beta Theta Pi, held in connection with the initiation of the six men, who, with Wilby G. Hyde, transferred from Beta Kappa, G. Glenn Atkins, from Alpha Gamma, and Chas. E. Skinner, from Beta Kappa, constitute the Ohio State University chapter.

We graduate but one man this year, Wallace C. Sabine. We congratulate ourselves on his scholarly attainments and excellent class record. The other college classes are well represented by three men in '87, two in '88, and two in '89. By the entrance of brother Skinner from Ohio University we have a member in the senior preparatory department. Besides these we have two fine prospective Betas in this same department, one of whom will get the "grip" just before commencement. We feel elated at our success in both instances, since they were well-earned victories.

At the Ohio State University there have been in existence for some time thriving chapters of the following five general fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, and Chi Phi. In numbers these vary between eight and thirteen, so that Theta Delta is not unusually small. It is hardly necessary, at this time, to present details, since such take on too much the appearance of dry statistics; and, besides, the facts were put into the hands of the chapters at the time of presentation of our petition. It is enough to say that we are on friendly terms with all.

The expense sustained by the new chapter consequent upon installation have been such as to defer till the present time the renting and fitting of a society hall. We are glad to say, however, that by energetic work and the substantial encouragement of the resident Betas with

whom we are blessed, we shall be able to prepare for Wooglin a permanent abode that in location and accommodations shall be worthy of his noble self. This will lead, we hope, to the formation of an enthusiastic alumni chapter.

Wilbur H. Siebert, Cor. Ed.

May 1, 1886.

Denison.

Denison University is located at Granville, O., within a few miles of the geographical center of the state. Few prettier villages are found. Sheltered on the north by a low range of hills, it has withstood the wintry blasts of four-score years. On the west stands Sugar Loaf, upon whose height often the flames have been seen shooting heavenward, while there was a throng of shrouded figures weeping and wailing as the fierce flames devoured the form of their beloved Virgil, or singing a sad requiem over the ashes of the departed Matthew Matics. On the south runs the Raccoon, a gentle stream. To the east Mt. Parnassus rears his head, guarding in their last sleep the mouldering forms of the village fathers. Granville is about a mile in length and has about 1,500 inhabitants. Six churches here carry on their good work. The Baptists have the finest church edifice. It was erected in 1884, and is said to be the finest Baptist church in the state. Two ladies' seminaries grace the village, and to the students the faces of his "cousins" fair, as they take their daily promenade, are not the least inducement to a half-hour's stroll.

The Baptists of the state, recognizing the need of higher education, at the state convention held at Lebanon in 1830, appointed a committee to select a suitable site for a college. Granville, situated on the great thoroughfare between Wheeling and Columbus, was chosen by the committee. The first building was erected about a mile south of town and when just ready for occupation was destroyed by fire. Nowise disheartened, the Baptists again set to work, and in a short time a new frame stood where the other had been burned. In a few years the frame was moved to its present position, where it now serves as a gymnasium. The

of the college from that day to the history of most colleges—a constant struggle against poverty. Little, as existence was assured, assistance is offered. One by one men began to contribute their means and support.

The present endowment fund exceeds \$200,000, and an additional fund of \$100,000 is already assured. The buildings, apparatus, etc., are valued at \$200,000. The buildings are five in number: two main buildings, both brick and four stories high, contain the recitation rooms, society halls, reading-room, dormitories. An elegant brick, the W. H. Doane, Mus. Dr., affords a room for the library and the archival and general cabinet.

The faculty is composed of ten wide-awake energetic men, many of whom have received other offers but still remain at Denison. The total number of students is about 170. Though few in number, we still are proud of the fact that they go from this college, enter the class in eastern colleges, and graduate with honor. Three courses of study are open to the student, viz., classical, philosophical, and scientific. The first requires seven years of study, the last

three. The college has her full share of college honors. Four literary societies give ample opportunity for work of that kind. The Calliopean, founded in 1836, and the Franklin, in 1841, are open to students in the collegiate department. The Deuteron, founded in 1860, and the Lambda Delta, in 1885, are well sustained by the students and are excellent training schools for upper societies. There is also a literary room and lecture association connected with the college, which supplies the principal newspapers and magazines. Under its direction a course of lectures is presented comprising all of the best lecturers. The college library contains over 10,000 volumes, and the literary societies have 2,000 volumes each. The *Denison Collegian*, a monthly magazine, edited and published by the Franklin and Calliopean societies.

Three fraternities are represented by chapters at Denison. The Mu chapter of Chi was chartered March 2nd, 1872. In 1872 the anti-fraternity laws were passed. In 1876 the chapter died, but it was revived again in 1880. Since that time the chapter has been prosper-

ous. Some of her deeds have not thrown a halo of luster around the chapter, but, nevertheless, her men have been for the most part worthy fraternity men. Mu at present has 12 active members and 2 barbs. Mu is peculiar in the manner in which she obtains her men. She has never been known to bid but three or four men. How she gets them is a mystery. The Lambda Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was founded in March, 1885, and at present has 14 active members and 3 barbs. Alpha Eta was founded December 23rd, 1868, and has been active ever since, with the exception of the year 1877-78. At present we have 13 active members and 3 barbs. All three fraternities have well furnished halls in the business portion of the village.

E. H. Castle, Cor. Sec.

April 15, 1886.

University of Pennsylvania.

A pamphlet, called "Proposals Relative to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania," written in 1749, by Dr. Franklin, led to an association by certain citizens of Philadelphia, for the purpose of founding a school on the lines suggested by that wise counsellor. Over two thousand pounds, equivalent to at least forty thousand dollars at the present time, were raised. A building, which had been erected to accommodate the congregation that thronged to hear the celebrated Whitfield, was purchased; and in 1751 the academy, consisting of an English, a mathematical, and a Latin school, each under a master, with subordinate tutors and ushers, was formally opened. So successful was the undertaking that in two years the trustees applied to the proprietaries for a charter, which was granted. Under the skillful training of the learned Rev. William Smith the highest class in this academy attained that proficiency which in a college course would entitle it to a degree. Accordingly, two years later, the proprietaries were again petitioned to convert the academy into a college with the power of conferring collegiate degrees, and this petition was also granted. The first commencement was held May 17th, 1757. In the agitated times which followed, the provost, Mr. Smith, was a tory of so pronounced a type that he was thrown into prison by the legislature; but, in faithfulness to his sworn duties as provost, he

received his classes in the prison, and continued his instructions there while still a prisoner. In 1779 the legislature confiscated all the rights and properties of the college, which were bestowed on a new organization called in its charter the "Trustees of the University of the State of Pennsylvania." Ten years later these rights and properties were all restored, and in 1791 an act was passed amalgamating the old college and the new university.

Thus established, the university has advanced with the times and is now composed of the following faculties, under the supervision of one board of trustees :

I. *The college faculty* including : (1) The faculty of arts, organized 1755 ; (2) the faculty of science, in the Towne Scientific School, organized 1871 ; (3) the faculty of the Wharton School of Finance and Economy, organized 1881 ; (4) the faculty of music, organized 1875. The college faculty conducts the following courses of study :

(a) The course in arts. In this students may pursue the full classical curriculum, or, at the end of the second year, elect between Greek and German, Latin and French, pure mathematics and English. Graduates receive the degree of A. B., and after three years, and on the presentation of a satisfactory thesis, that of M. A.

(b) The course in science. Its students, after a two years' drill in the elementary branches of a scientific and general education, have the choice of five courses of study, viz : (1) analytical chemistry ; (2) geology and mining ; (3) civil engineering ; (4) mechanical engineering ; and (5) architecture. At the same time a course of study in history, literature, and the modern languages extends over the five years of the curriculum. Graduates receive the degree of B. S., together with a special technical degree in accordance with the special course pursued.

(c) The course in philosophy for undergraduates. This course provides instruction in Latin, English, French, German, mathematics, and natural science. During the last two years especial attention is given to biological studies. The graduates receive the degree of Ph. B.

(d) The course in finance and economy. Students who have passed through the freshman and sophomore classes are admitted. The studies include, besides history, literature, Latin, and the modern languages, special courses in economics

and in mercantile practice. Degree Ph. B.

(e) The course in music. Instruction is given in harmony, counterpoint, and music, covering two years. Under special conditions the degree of *Mus. Bac.* is given.

II. *The faculty of medicine*, fully organized in 1769. Graduates receive the degree of M. D. after three or four years' course of study.

III. *The auxiliary faculty of medicine*, organized in 1865. Its instruction is free to students and graduates of the medical faculty for the study of collateral branches of medical science. Degree B. S.

IV. *The law faculty*, organized in 1789. Its certificate of graduation is sufficient evidence of legal preparation to procure admission to the bar of the commonwealth and city. Degree LL. B.

V. *The faculty of dentistry*, organized 1877. Its students receive thorough instruction in mechanical and operative dentistry, and such medical studies as are essential to the well educated dentist. Degree D. D. S.

VI. *The faculty of veterinary medicine*, organized in 1883. Course three years. Degree V. M. D.

VII. *The faculty of philosophy*, organized in 1884, for the supervision of advanced studies leading to the degree of Ph. D.

VIII. *The faculty of biology*, organized in 1884, for special studies in zoology and botany.

The university buildings and grounds occupy over thirty acres of land in West Philadelphia. They comprise five beautiful and large buildings, representing thirteen departments. They are built after the famous Queen Anne style of architecture, and are surrounded by a large lawn. The athletic grounds immediately adjoining occupy a space of three and one-half acres, containing a quarter-mile track, foot-ball goals, and a base-ball diamond. In the most conspicuous place is a grand stand. There is seating capacity for 2,000 people. There is also situated in the college building the gymnasium, which has been perfected at great expense and has just been opened to the students. It contains the most improved apparatus in use. It will be made obligatory on the students to exercise in the gymnasium a certain number of hours per week. There is also adjoining the college the university hospital, a large building, built according to the best principle

of hospital architecture and provided with all the appliances pertaining to such institutions. In 1884 there were treated, in the hospital and dispensary, 8,776 cases. The resident physicians of the hospital are selected every year by competitive examinations from the graduating class of the university.

One peculiarity in the course of study in the college department is that a student is permitted to take, in the freshman and sophomore years, either the classics or the modern languages with English, history, mathematics, etc., and to elect at the close of the sophomore year between the courses in arts, in philosophy, or in the Wharton School, or to make an election among the five technical courses in the Towne Scientific School.

There are 148 professors, lecturers, and instructors, and 1,028 students. There are eight fraternities represented at the university, and from all indications the students take rather kindly to them. The order of establishment is as follows: Zeta Psi, Sigma chapter, July 5th, 1850; Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha chapter, August 16th, 1850; Delta Psi, Delta chapter, December 27th, 1854; Phi Kappa Psi, Iota chapter, October 13th, 1878; Beta Theta Pi, Phi, March 6th, 1880; Alpha Tau Omega, Tau chapter, April 15th, 1881; Delta Phi, Eta chapter, originally established in 1850, but discontinued until 1882; and Chi Phi, Nu chapter, 1883. We have no certain information as to the size of the chapters, but approximately they are: Delta Psi, 30 men; Delta Phi, 23 or 24; Zeta Psi, 20; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Phi Kappa Sigma, 10; Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega, 6 each; Chi Phi, 3 or 4, all in the medical department. There is no opposition in the faculty to the establishment of Greek-letter societies, and but very little combination between the different fraternities, except with regard to class elections. A disagreement between some of the fraternities occasioned a division in the class of '85 and split the class into two sections, each of which elected a president and other officers, and continued separate until after graduation. This, however, is past and all the fraternities are now friendly. Besides these we have three societies, viz.: the Philomathean, established in 1813, the Towne, and the University societies, each established in 1882. Until this year the "Philo" published the *University Magazine* twice monthly, but

it was discontinued, and a weekly called the *Pennsylvanian* is published by a committee elected from the whole university. Besides this we have a college magazine published yearly by the senior class, called *The Record*.

R. S. Maison, Cor. S.

May 5, 1886.

University of Iowa.

It is one thing to prophesy and another to prophesy correctly. The latter does not seem to be the writer's hold. In my last letter he ventured the prediction that Alpha Beta's membership would soon be increased by four new men. As events have turned out, he is compelled to acknowledge his lack of foresight and apologize for his hasty prediction. Nevertheless, he feels duly elated, as the damage to his reputation as a seer is more than counterbalanced by the addition of strength to the chapter; for the four should have been a five. Yes, on the evening of January 16th, assisted by brothers J. I. Gilbert, '83, and L. P. Gilbert, '84, we undertook the pleasant task of transforming five aspiring freshmen into as many enthusiastic Greeks. The names of these promising occupants of our nursery are as follows: Geo. S. Wright, Frank P. Wright, Geo. W. Ingham, Walter L. Anderson, and Geo. W. Swigart. Thus we have six freshmen and a total membership of nineteen. An interested rival, with more curiosity than discretion, wishes to know if we "are through yet." Perhaps we are, but we must not again promise ahead. In regard to the strength of our quintette, we cannot forbear inserting another quotation: "So you five fellows are going to join the Betas?" remarked one of our friends. "Why don't you start a fraternity of your own? You're strong enough." Before many hours it was evident that his advice had not been acted upon. We have been much pleased and amused at these and other quaint sayings, and give our word that they are fully appreciated.

A letter, occasioning no little comment here, has appeared in the organ of a rival fraternity. It seems to us that a chapter letter is not the place to attack enemies or puff friends. A statement of the relative standing of fraternities is of common interest and as such should be given from time to time. That this

statement be considerate and impartial is essential. The writer who fails in this respect is less false to others than he is to his own fraternity and himself. The author of this article referred to makes his classification upon a political basis, and simply praises those who combine with him and his. A letter inspired by such motives is beneath further notice.

We look forward to the remainder of the school year with much pleasure. A Beta banquet is an event of the near future, and the very thought of it makes one's heart lighter. We have already begun to talk over our annual re-union in commencement week, when we hope to see so many old faces.

Elbridge H. Sabin, Cor. Sec.
January 22, 1886.

Vanderbilt.

The first dread ordeal of the year, the intermediate examinations, occupied the last two weeks of January. Those who lagged behind in the first half of the race must make long strides between now and June. The opening of the second term brought a considerable number of new students. The commencement exercises of the dental and pharmaceutical departments were held in the chapel on the night of February 24th. The graduating class in pharmacy was pronounced the best in the history of that department. Brother Wright Hunter received his Ph. G. degree and soon after left for his home in Louisville, Ga. We have sustained another heavy loss in the withdrawal of Tyler Calhoun from the university.

It is not positively known what will be done with the \$200,000 recently left to the university by the late W. H. Vanderbilt. Plans are being drawn up for the erection of three two-story eight-room brick buildings on the campus for the use of students. They will probably be under the same management as Liberty Hall, where the messing system gives great satisfaction.

Since our last letter we have initiated R. D. Goodlett and W. G. Kirkpatrick. The latter took the Owen prize medal last year and now holds the fellowship in engineering.

The Sigma Nu fraternity established a chapter here a few weeks ago.

Alfred Hume, Cor. Sec.
March 22, 1886.

Westminster.

On Monday night, April 5th, Alpha Delta celebrated her eighteenth anniversary with a banquet. Owing to the time of year, being a busy season, not as many of our alumni came as we expected, but at the proper hour Greeks, both brave and fair, began to arrive, and soon the spacious parlor of the Palace Hotel was the scene of enjoyment and pleasure of which none but Betas can conceive. A goodly number were present, representing the fathers, the middle-aged, and the babies. Ex-Gov. C. H. Hardin, one of the original eight, was there, as much alive to Beta interests as forty-seven years ago, when, in the log cabin in the corn-field near Oxford, he entered into the organization of the fraternity. Supper was soon announced. The divine blessing was invoked by Rev. Dr. Charles, of Epsilon; after which the boys sang with rousing chorus, "Carb Dat Canine." The elegant supper was then served in courses, seasoned with loud hosannas to old Wooglin.

After supper, in the unavoidable absence of Prof. J. N. Tate, brother S. T. Harrison took the chair, and most pleasingly announced the toasts, which were as follows: "Our Founders;" response by ex-Gov. Hardin. The governor took us back to the days of our infancy, when the Beta Theta Pi consisted of only eight, and gave us a graphic account of the organization of the fraternity. His speech was one of sterling worth, and he dwelt with emphasis upon the original qualifications for membership. The next toast was "Our Alumni;" response by brother A. A. Wallace, whose speech was full of happy hits and was an excellent review of the alumni. Brother R. L. Simpson followed with a graphic description of the peculiarities of that eccentric animal, "The Goat." He said the goat used to be employed only as an amusement for the small boy, until the founders of Beta Theta Pi made him a member in good standing of this order, since which time he has had the impudence to present himself at each initiation, where he administers to the candidate many ordinances without his consent and frequently contrary to his comfort. In the absence of ex-Gov. Crittenden, Rev. Dr. Charles, of Centre College, responded to the toast "Epsilon." Brother S. T. Harrison followed with a glowing eulogy on "Wooglin and His

er." Much merriment was caused by presentation to him, during his speech, a beautiful specimen of the canine family. The next toast was "The Pink

Blue;" response by brother C. F. Crisman, the poet of Alpha Delta. "Beta Sisters" were then toasted by W. Dobyns. Afterward came "Western Extension;" response by brother B. H. Charles, Jr., in which he revived the story of Beta Theta Pi as a western fraternity, showing the number of distinguished sons she has had from this part of the country, and sketching a good prophecy for her in the future. The last toast "Our Active Members," was responded to by brother J. W. Stagg. Brother Stagg is one of the most forcible speakers of our chapter, and his speech was one which would have done credit to a man of far maturer age.

Short speeches were also made by brothers E. W. Grant, H. Sutherland, J. Grant, G. R. Moulton, and F. W. Reed. At the conclusion the guests returned to the parlors, where another session of pleasure was passed until the clock's crew and hours had become dull.

We wish we could have had a representative from every chapter. Letters were received from many of them, and programs from Alpha Epsilon and several of our alumni.

W. R. Dobyns, Cor. Sec.
May 5, 1886.

Ohio Wesleyan.

A year of unalloyed happiness and unbroken fellowship was not decreed by the gods, so that many pleasant anticipations have been unceremoniously shattered. The things have happened which will make quite an interesting page in the story of Theta. At the beginning of the term we did not have the pleasure of meeting four of our seniors. Brother Clark went south in the hope of recovering his health, and has spent most of the winter in Florida. Brothers Irvin, Greer,

Pennington have entered DePauw University, and will graduate there this summer. Because of the publicity which has been given to the cause of their departure by the faculty and the president, every one who is interested in college sports now knows that these brethren, and other students, went to see Frederick de play Richard III., and thus broke

an anti-theater rule which had been supposed to be a dead letter.

The third annual pan-hellenic banquet was held in March, and was certainly an enjoyable affair. This is proving to be a means of promoting good-feeling among fraternities. Our chapter was represented on the programme by Charles Manly, who responded wittily to the toast of "*Sorores Fratrum*."

We regret to announce that we have expelled B. S. Weeks; yet we know that our action was justifiable and would be deemed so by the general fraternity if all of the circumstances were known. In the written notification of this expulsion sent to the other fraternities here no reasons were given. A short time afterwards the correspondent for the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* mentioned this, and, probably for this reason, also added that the general sympathy of the college boys was with Mr. Weeks. You can imagine our surprise, a few weeks later, to be notified that Phi Kappa Psi had requested two of their members to resign, and that these persons were no longer members, though no reasons whatever for this action were given. The inconsistency is painfully apparent.

It may seem, from the foregoing lines, that the goddess of harmony and universal happiness has not wielded her scepter with any degree of fidelity. Nevertheless, our chapter is in good condition, with promising members. Since the last letter we have initiated brothers Manly, Clark, and Webb.

D. S. Griffin, Cor. Ed.
May 10, 1886.

Union.

The location of Union College, as far as its environments are concerned, is almost all that could be desired. The college buildings are situated on the outskirts of Schenectady, a city of about 15,000 inhabitants, which has an early history in which there is more of blood than of romance. Like many other old towns that are making comparatively little progress, it has little business activity, and thus it offers the student not only all the advantages of our smaller cities, but, also, the quiet of a village. Our campus, almost as level as the bosom of a lake, is on a slight elevation which gives occasional glimpses of the Mohawk and enables one to look over the city toward

the hills in the west—hills ever green in summer, but over whose white mantle in winter blow winds that pass through our halls, not with the weird, melancholy moanings of which poets dream, but with a vehemence that quickens the circulation of the blood. On the north and south sides of the campus are what are known as North and South Colleges respectively, two four-story brick structures facing the west and covered with a cement of a stone-grey color. Extending back from each of these buildings are long colonnades, which are composed of the same materials, containing the chapel, physical and chemical laboratories, and so forth. These buildings have stood for nearly three-quarters of a century, and, while they have defied the wasting fingers of time, they have not been able to resist the knife wielded by the fingers of the student, for on every granite window sill are to be found names, some of which have been also inscribed on the more enduring pages of history. In the centre of the campus is a structure of much later date, a huge mass of granite with a lofty star-lit dome. The interior of the building, which is known as Alumni Memorial Hall, displays some fine and costly workmanship. East of this and in front of the "groves" is a neat brick hall containing many of the recitation rooms and also the library of the college. In addition to these there are also a gymnasium and several residences for college officers. On the whole, the location of the college has been spoken of as one of the best in the country.

The germ of the college was an academy incorporated in 1793, under the title of "The Trustees of the Academy of the Town of Schenectady." This academy seems to have enjoyed considerable prosperity even in the first year of its existence. For a decade previous to this time, during which the country recovered somewhat from the effects of the Revolutionary War, the design of establishing a college in the northern part of the state was earnestly discussed, and on the 19th of October, 1795, Union College was incorporated by the regents. The first class was graduated two years later, when three young men received their degrees. In the course of a few years a larger building was constructed on Union street, which, at the present day, serves as one of the public schools of the city. In the year 1804 an event of importance to

Union College took place. The Rev. Eliphalet Nott was called to the presidency. Under his efficient management the institution grew so that it was found necessary to select a new location, and in 1812 the construction of new buildings was begun on the present campus. They were occupied in 1814. The progress of the years that followed was fully commensurate with that of the years that preceded this date; the number of students increased, and the endowment funds swelled. Finally, in 1866, after a life of great usefulness, Dr. Nott died. His eulogy has not all been written yet. He was succeeded by the Rev. Laurens P. Hickok, D. D., who, in 1871, was induced to seek a milder climate because of illness in his family. The next president was Eliphalet Nott Potter, D. D., under whose administration the endowment was greatly increased and several new and costly buildings were erected. In 1884 Dr. Potter left Union and became president of Hobart. Since that time the Hon. S. Landon has acted as president *ad interim*. We hope soon to see the chair permanently filled.

In 1873 Union University was incorporated, comprising Union College at Schenectady, and the Albany Medical College, the Albany Law School, the Dudley Observatory, and the Albany College of Pharmacy, all at Albany.

There are three courses of study in Union leading to a degree, namely, the classical course, the scientific course, and the course of engineering, the last having been established in 1845. There have hitherto been no elective studies until the senior year; but it is now proposed to increase the number of such studies. The work in the department of English language and literature has already been considerably modified and increased, and we understand that still more changes will be made in the future. Connected with the college, and founded at about the same time the college was founded, are two literary societies, the Philomathean and the Adelpheic. Each has a library consisting of several thousand carefully selected volumes. The students of Union College issue two publications. The first is the *Concordiensis*, a monthly publication, under the management of a board of editors elected from the several classes. Brother Lewis is one of the editors of the sophomore class. The second publication is the

et, issued once a year in book form. the publication of all of the secret nities in college. Each chapter is sent by one editor, who is a member of the junior class; or, if the chapter is junior, a member of the sophomore class is selected. Nu's editor this is brother Vroman, '87.

Union College has been the birth-place of a large number of the secret fraternities.

The first one was founded more than half a century ago, and the original charter is still existing here. At present all fraternities are represented. The attitude of the college authorities toward these organizations is very amicable, the members of the faculty being themselves members either of the fraternities represented here or of those at the college from which they graduated. There are, however, no chapter houses on the campus. Each chapter has a hall down town.

The oldest fraternity here is the Alpha Alpha, founded in 1825 by the Hon. John Hunter, D. D., Prof. I. W. Brown, Thomas Hun, Ph. D., and John Means, LL. D. The chapter has a total membership of over four hundred; its present membership is eight, its condition prosperous. Sigma Phi was founded at Union in 1827. The chapter has enjoyed a prosperous history until late years. At present we know of two active members, and the indications are that the chapter will soon be extinct. The same year (1827) another fraternity sprang into existence at Union, Delta Phi, whose chapter has a present strength of nine. Psi Upsilon had its birth here in 1833. The chapter was extinct, but was soon revived, and its number of years has been very prosperous. The Theta Delta Chi fraternity was also founded in 1847, but the Union chapter perished in 1869. The Iota Kappa was a fraternity, which was dissolved in 1869, was supposed to have been founded at Union.

The first chapter of the Chi Psi was organized at Union in 1841. This chapter died in 1847. The Alpha Delta was established at Union in 1847.

It is still here, enjoying a moderate degree of prosperity, and its active membership is seven. The Union chapter of Delta Upsilon was extinct from 1863 to 1868. At present it has eleven members and is in a prosperous condition. Phi Delta Theta fraternity established its chapter here a few years ago, which is now large and prosperous. Its active

membership is fourteen. The Theta chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity, which became extinct in 1873, has never been revived.

And now we come to Beta Theta Pi. The Nu chapter was established in 1881. It grew out of a local organization called Beta Kappa, founded in the fall of 1879. For nearly a year it was not made public that such an organization existed. It consisted of thirteen men, three of whom subsequently withdrew. Application was then made by the others for admission into Beta Theta Pi, and in the latter part of 1881 a charter was granted. The charter members of the new chapter were initiated at Beta Theta, Madison University. The subsequent history of Nu, although extending over only about five years, is full of the record of success. The original members were just the men to watch over the infancy of such an organization, and so faithfully did they foster the interests of their charge and imbue the subsequent initiates with the spirit of Wooglin, that to-day Nu has not only a firm foothold upon the fraternity soil of this college, but also a position second to none among the chapters of fraternities represented here. Our last campaign was a record of complete success. We have at present an active membership of eleven, none of whom will leave us at next commencement. We extend a cordial invitation to our brothers of other chapters to visit us at our rooms 101 State street.

Philip H. Cole, Cor. Ed.

January 19, 1886.

University of Kansas.

The term soon to close has been a successful one for Alpha Nu, though marked by few events of special interest. We have maintained a good standing among all classes of students, and have, I think, opened the way to a stronger chapter and better achievements in the future. Rivalry has been intense throughout the year; but in only one case have we failed to secure our desires, and then the failure was because of outside influence. Alpha Nu is seeking to make her record clean and praiseworthy, to promote her members in every honorable manner, and to build up a chapter worthy of better recognition by the fraternity.

To our number have been added W.

T. Reed, '87; C. M. Watson, '90; Samuel Burkholder, '86; and John Weightman, '87, making our roll as follows: seniors, 3; juniors, 3; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 3; sub-freshman, 1. Brother Borah, one of our strong and enthusiastic freshmen, left, a short time since, to look after business demanding his attention at home. Brother A. E. Parker, once among our number, has returned to the fold, and, though engaged in the city, is a regular attendant and active worker in our chapter meetings. We have received very pleasant visits from brothers P. L. Loper, S. R. Wharton, and W. H. Johnson, who were very active members when in the chapter and have guarded carefully its interests in the field. The Inter-State Oratorical Association, convened in the city the past week, brought with it a number of fraternity men, among whom were brothers J. R. Robertson, of Beloit College, Pleukharp, of Ohio State, and Fairbanks, of Ohio Wesleyan.

We have met Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta in base ball recently, and succeeded in retiring victors from the field, defeating the former by a score of 19 to 11, and the latter 12 to 10. Phi Delta Theta has extended us a challenge, which has been accepted, and we shall try to keep up our record.

We have a good standing in the class room. Templin leads the class of '86 in rank and grade, much to the amazement of our strong competitors, Phi Kappa

Psi, who have been very confident and boastful of an easy victory. Templin is also commencement orator, with Curry, who also has good rank in the senior class. Our other '86, Burkholder, is a junior law, and graduates in the modern literature and classical courses. F. F. Doran and W. T. Reed represent us in the June contest in oratory; and F. E. Reed is Orophilian contest orator.

The university is in a prosperous condition, and, though the students may number a few less than in the past because of the curtailing of the preparatory department, more collegiates and a stronger average of men fill the ranks in the class room. With an increased faculty in the collegiate and law departments, with the School of Pharmacy added this year, and a corresponding increase of professional students, with Snow Hall of Natural History rapidly progressing and soon to add its assistance with better facilities, we hope to grow with the state in influence and general recognition.

Alpha Nu is doing her utmost to have a grand re-union of the Betas of Kansas on Wednesday evening, June 9th, and to such as may fail to receive any notice we extend a most cordial invitation to be present. Please report, however, at once, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Will T. Caywood, Cor. Sec.
May 11, 1886.

THE BETAS.

Washington and Jefferson.

J. R. LOWRIE died at his family residence, Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon County, Pa., December 10th, 1885, after a protracted illness. In the *Butler Citizen* of Butler, Pa., appears the following memoir:

It is due to the memory of this worthy son of our county, that something more than an announcement of his decease should appear at his birth-place, as a testimonial of our appreciation of his high character, and useful and happy life. This is especially appropriate as a member that the deceased was the son of one of the pioneer settlers of Butler county, a distinguished character and ability element, whilst a citizen of this county, from the position of a poor boy on his father's farm in the midst of a wilderness, through various grades of possible public trusts to a seat in the Senate of the United States. Cherishing his memory, the members of his family have always regarded by our people with friendly interest.

Nathan Roberts Lowrie was born in the town of Butler, Pa., in the month of March, 1818.

His father, Hon. Walter Lowrie, was at the time one of the Senators from Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States. When Lowrie entered the Senate in 1848, he found as his colleague from this State, Hon. Nathan Roberts, from eastern Pennsylvania, whom Mr. Lowrie's son was afterwards

Butler was the home of this young son during his early boyhood, and through life he held the warmest regard for his birth-place. He spent most of his college vacations in Butler with his relatives, and often made visits to his place in later life. The scenes of his boyhood seemed to be ineffaceably engraven upon his memory, and he always retained a warm friendship for the companions of his youth remaining with us. Butler was peculiarly dear to him as the burial place of his sainted mother and of his maternal grandfather.

Rev. John McPherrin, and other relatives. During his last years he was most anxiously desirous that the resting place of the remains of his relatives should be carefully cared for, generously contributing from his means to reclaim the Butler burial ground from the desolation which it had fallen.

After the death of Mr. Lowrie's mother, the home was transferred to Washington and he was prepared for college in the State of that city. He first entered Lafayette College, but soon after his father transferred him to Jefferson College, where his three older brothers, John C., Mathew S., and Walter M., had previously graduated. J. R. Lowrie was a student at college, and ranked high in his class as a scholar. He graduated in 1842, and was immediately delivered the valedictory of his class. Immediately after leaving college he entered upon the study of law, under the direction of his cousin,

Judge Walter H. Lowrie, then of Pittsburgh, afterwards chief justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Soon after his admission to the bar, he removed to Hollidaysburg, the county seat of Blair county, then just organized as a county, with a view of making that the place of his permanent residence in the practice of his profession. He entered upon the duties of his profession with bright prospects and high hopes. Well equipped for the service, gifted with a keen, discriminating mind, and trained by thorough education for effective work, few had superior advantages for a successful start in life. But his physical constitution, always delicate, proved insufficient for the labors imposed upon it in the wear and tear of professional life, connected with the confinement of an office, and he was admonished to abandon the practice of his chosen profession and seek more health-giving outdoor employment. He reluctantly yielded to the apparently inexorable demand and all his plans for his life work were thus changed. A new field seemed already to have opened for Mr. Lowrie to suit the requirements of his delicate constitution, and at the same time engage his legal ability and practical business talents. This was the superintendence amongst the mountains of one of the largest landed estates in central Pennsylvania, including farms, furnaces, mines, and wild lands. To be in the midst of his work he selected a beautiful historic spot, known as Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon county, as his permanent home. Here through life, nestled amongst the mountains, in full view from his mansion of the towering Bald Eagle Ridge and the picturesque Canoe Mountain, he devoted his hours of leisure to the exercise of a cultivated taste, in improving and adorning a domestic retreat which all who have shared its warm-hearted hospitality have pronounced a model. Here he devoted himself with untiring energy to his business in his new field of labor, and soon established a wide-spread reputation as a first-class business man.

"The financial crisis of 1873 bore so heavily upon the business interests of Pennsylvania, that, with others, perhaps the wealthiest, certainly one of the most substantial and respected business firms of the State, was obliged to yield to the pressure and close up its business. The operations of this firm were not confined to Pennsylvania but extended outside to most of the principal centres of trade in the country, and the settlement of its affairs involved the collection and disbursement of many millions of dollars. By the unanimous choice of all parties interested, Mr. Lowrie was selected as the sole trustee to settle the vast estate. This, too, in addition to the duties of superintendent, already referred to, still remaining in his charge. He entered upon the herculean task assigned him with all the energy and determination of his nature, and for seven long years unremittingly devoted himself to the work, with the satisfaction, at the close of this period, of surrendering his trust with every dollar of the indebtedness of the estate paid with interest, and of restoring to the deserving owners

a very large property entirely unincumbered. This was a triumph of honest, faithful and intelligent business management which has scarcely a parallel. Mr. Lowrie was now anxious to enjoy rest in his delightful mountain home, surrounded by his dearly cherished family. But as the strain of those seven long years of over-work was removed, he discovered that an insidious and fatal disease had marked him as its victim. Its inroads upon his system baffled all the efforts of the best medical skill in this country, and abroad at the celebrated Karlsbad Springs, which promised relief. He returned home but to linger and die in the home of his love, surrounded and tenderly cared for by all those who were bound to him by the dearest earthly ties.

"Thus closed a life of modest, unobtrusive worth; a life well spent, full of earnest labor, unostentatiously performed, and rich in its glorious rewards.

"During Mr. Lowrie's residence in Hollidaysburg he was married to Miss Mary Lyon, daughter of Mr. John Lyon, one of the best known and most highly respected business men of the state. Three children of this marriage, two sons and a daughter, still survive. Their estimable mother died during their childhood, and for several years their care was added to the duties of Mr. Lowrie. Subsequently Mr. Lowrie was again married to Miss Matilda Nassau, daughter of Rev. Dr. Nassau, of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Five children of this marriage, four sons and a daughter, still survive to share with their devoted mother the sorrows of this great bereavement.

"The fidelity of Mr. Lowrie's friendships will be attested by all who were honored with his confidence. He was an undemonstrative man. He did nothing for show. He would rather be right than popular. He shrank from public observation, except when duty called. Amongst the most prominent traits of his character were manly independence, unflinching firmness, calm, cool self-reliance in business matters, always regulated by the strictest integrity. His large business experience brought him in contact with every phase of character. He was a close observer, and was rarely deceived in the men with whom he dealt. He was an earnest, inflexible, upright business man. But underlying these strong qualities, and only fully discovered by those who knew him best, were the gentlest and tenderest affections. No husband or father had a more loving heart. His sympathies went out to those in suffering and want, and he never turned from an appeal of sorrow. With his own hand he ministered to every case of distress within his reach, and there is many a poor mountaineer to-day mourning in Mr. Lowrie's death the loss of his last earthly friend. Mr. L. was liberal in his charities, but was always best satisfied when none knew of them but the receivers. Home was his earthly paradise. In its sunlight he gathered strength and inspiration for the weighty business duties of the world.

"'Tender as a woman, manliness and meekness
In him were so allied,
That they who judged him by his strength or
weakness
Saw but a single side.'

"Mr. Lowrie, naturally gifted with talents of a high order, was a scholar and a gentleman

of refined and highly cultivated tastes. His ample library was an attractive resort to him among the other pleasures of his home. There he enjoyed the companionship of the best authors. He was fond of music, and was always glad to join his own voice in the strains of the family circle. He was much interested in geological research, and many fine geological specimens enriched his cabinet. He was almost an enthusiast in the study of botany. His own botanical collection was one of the largest in the state and was frequently referred to by distinguished botanists for aid in their researches. He seemed to know familiarly by name every tree, shrub, plant, and flower he ever saw, assigning it at once to its proper botanical class. Whilst in Germany, during his last illness, seeking health, he eagerly visited the great German forests and was overjoyed to find, after careful inspection, that he had a greater number of varieties of trees planted under his direction in the grounds surrounding his own family mansion in Pennsylvania than could be found in any of these celebrated foreign forests.

"Mr. Lowrie took a deep interest in the affairs of the nation. He was a close observer of current events, and was thoroughly patriotic in all his convictions. He was fearless in declaring his opinions on all questions affecting national or state policy, and always ready to give a reason for his political faith. But he had an innate aversion to the methods of modern politics, and his manly nature shrank from contact or association with the selfish political tricksters and schemers who have so offensively obtruded themselves into the management of public affairs. He never held, or desired to hold, any political position himself, and discouraged his friends from seeking promotion through any of the corrupt channels in these days leading to political preferment. His learning and ability, his manly courage, his broad, well-balanced mind, his calm, cool, intelligent judgment, under other auspices, might have been invoked to render the state valuable service.

"The crowning glory of Mr. Lowrie's character was his devoted, humble piety. He was a Christian. His daily walk and conversation, at home and abroad, illustrated in a very eminent degree the reality of his religion. His denominational faith was that of his fathers—Presbyterian. For many years he has been a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church, at Birmingham, Huntingdon county, and through his instrumentality a mission church was established at Warrior's Mark near his residence. The amount or extent of Mr. Lowrie's Christian work will never be fully known here. It reached from the humblest cabin among the mountains to the most refined and intelligent business circles of the city. He, like his Divine Master, 'went about doing good.' His religion was never obtrusive. It was never austere. But always, everywhere, it was felt with his presence. He never suffered any business cares, however important, to interfere with his religious duties. Morning and evening in his own home he led the devotions of his family at the family altar. As a Sabbath-school superintendent and Sabbath-school teacher, he obtained the key to the hearts of the young and he lost no opportunity to lead if possible all within his reach to the Savior. No pressure of

business could induce him to violate the sanctity of the Sabbath. In the various ecclesiastical courts of his church he was regarded as one of the most safe and prudent counsellors, and throughout the whole community in which he lived and was known he was recognized as a power for good. It is to be observed that this eminent Christian life was connected with daily business duties of a great magnitude, and that, instead of interfering with, it helped their discharge. That 'fervency of spirit' which distinguished the life of Mr. Lowrie seemed to have been the great motive power for his 'diligence in business.'

"Every Christian consolation can be appropriated by sorrowing friends, in the review of a life so well spent, so triumphantly ended."

Harvard.

'83. W. H. WILLIAMS is studying at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

'83. R. D. WILSON is in business in the Philippine Islands.

'84. B. B. RAMAGE is studying law in New York City. While in college he took a Boylston prize for oratory.

'84. E. S. BROWN, Phi Beta Kappa, is teaching.

'84. M. W. FREDRICK is studying medicine in Germany.

'84. G. N. JONES is in the Harvard Medical School.

'85. W. M. MCINNES, formerly chief of the district, is in the Harvard Law School. When in college he took second-year honors in mathematics.

'86. F. C. HOOD is captain of the university lacrosse team.

'86. EBEN RICHARDS, of St. Louis Mo., is the latest initiate.

'87. E. E. BLODGETT is a member of the university lacrosse team.

'87. WALTER ALEXANDER rowed in his class crew in freshman and sophomore years, was substitute on the university crew in 1885, and is now stroke of his class crew. He is a member of the Pierian Sodality.

'87. F. M. TILDEN, who was a student in the scientific school, is in the grain business at 1301 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill. He was on the university ball nine in 1884 and 1885.

St. Lawrence.

'80. HERBERT F. GUNNISON was married to Miss Alice May at the residence of the bride's mother, 90 Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 29th.

University of Wisconsin.

'81. J. N. SANBORN was married on September 7th, 1885, to Miss Charlie Elizabeth Talley, of Marshall, Tex. His address is room 15, Equitable Building, St. Louis, Mo.

'83. "On the evening of the 16th of April brother EDWIN C. STEVENS, an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin chapter, died of neuralgia of the heart, in the village of Avoca, Wis., the home of his childhood. Death visited him almost without warning, and he passed away unconscious of its presence. On Friday he wrote that on the next day he would visit his friends in Madison. The same evening the sad, startling intelligence flashed along the wires that he was

dead. The news was received in sadness by circle of friends, such as, for the depth of affection and esteem, few men of his years have gathered about them. All who have known him mourn his loss. His classmates at college, friends at Madison, his associates in business and friends of later years, all in one common grief lament his early death, and have paid tributes to his memory. They have spoken him, in the journals and by letter, as a classmate fondly remembered, as a business man sincerely admired, as a friend dearly beloved. It is a Beta we would now remember him, and place a wreath on his bier.

"In June, 1879, Mr. Stevens joined Alpha and from that time until his graduation in 1881 he remained an active and devoted member. In his generous and open character he made friends everywhere, and his warm and cordial nature drew to it the love of those whose presence in the Beta halls we most desire. In all his work and enthusiasm for his own society, his dealings, his generosity and good-will, won him, and, through him, for his chapter the friendship of every rival; and of those who mourn his loss not the least bitter tears are shed by members of other fraternities than his own.

"In his junior year brother Stevens took the time from his university work to make a trip among our chapters, and visited many of them, both in the east and in the west, obtaining in this way a very wide acquaintance with members and a rare knowledge of our fraternity, in whose general welfare he always took the deepest interest.

"But those who knew him in his own chapter loved him best and most deeply feel his loss. It is there his influence as a Beta will have its most lasting effect. There his counsels, always modestly proffered, were always quickly adopted, and their worth clearly recognized. His advice largely guided the chapter in its actions, and, always moderate and wise, won for it friendship and success. It was in the chapter rooms that his rare qualities of wit were most often displayed, wit bright and sparkling, always spontaneous and never bitter.

"The funeral services were held at Avoca, Sunday, April 18th, eight of his college friends and classmates acting as pall-bearers, four of whom were Betas and the remainder members of other fraternities.

"Thus in his 25th year, with a future bright as a noble character, a successful past, and warm friends could make it, Edwin C. Stevens was laid to rest. The happiest, best years of his life, so short but so full of good, were passed in college, and there in his chapter he formed the closest ties of friendship, and with these unbroken he fell asleep. By none who knew him will his noble character be soon forgotten; and for those who knew him as a Beta the memory of his life will never fade."

The foregoing memoir was written by Lawrence P. Conover, who, in a letter to the editor, says: "I know that the universal practice of saying good things of the dead makes all obituary notices sound alike, whatever the virtues or vices of their subjects; and I hesitated to write one of any length of brother Stevens on that account; but a simple notice of his death seemed even more undesirable, and I have written what I have,

feeling that the truth which it contains and the sincerity in which it is written will give it a stamp of genuineness so that it will not sound like false praise to those into whose hands it may fall who did not know brother Stevens. For those who knew him I have no such fear; they will see that nothing I have said approaches flattery."

The following extract from the *University Press* is taken from an article written by one of Mr. Stevens' best friends, a member of another fraternity:

"Mr. Stevens was born in Muskegon, Mich., in March, 1861, and had just passed his twenty-fifth birthday. Left an orphan while an infant, he was taken to Avoca, where he was reared by his maternal grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curry, for whom on attaining mature years he always exercised the utmost consideration. In September, 1877, Mr. Stevens entered the university as a modern classical student. A year later he changed to scientific. He graduated with the class of '83, having spent six years in his course, which embraced some special work. He was his class prophet, and his happy predictions will be long remembered. The fall term of his junior year he founded the *Campus* and owned it for a year. Later it was consolidated, as all know, with the *Press*. After his graduation he was for a short time editor of the *Dodgeville Sun*, then with the *Republican and Leader*, of LaCrosse. In April, 1884, associated with several others, he founded the *Chicago Daily Mail*, of which Mr. Stevens held the controlling interest. He assumed the business management and, in the face of bitter competition, at the end of a year his paper made a better showing, for the same length of time, than any in the history of Chicago daily journalism. In June, 1885, he sold his interest to ex-Postmaster-General Hatton and Clint Snowden. Since last June Mr. Stevens has been largely at leisure, spending much of his time looking for a suitable business opening. Mr. Stevens was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was an earnest worker in his society.

"Such was the life and death of Steve, as he was familiarly called by the boys, and who was so well liked by all who knew him. The shock of his sudden death will not soon pass from those who knew him, and those who knew him best realize in the fullest sense the loss. He was always the same generous, open, kindly disposed man in the outside world that he was as a student among the boys. Charitable in thought and in action and sympathetic in every necessity of others, his hand and heart sought to do all that could be done to hasten the era of perfect fellowship among men. The managing editor of the *Chicago Herald*, in a letter since his death, wrote: 'I have told him he was too honest to live long. I believed it, although he took it in jest.' Such was the impression left by his character among men with whom he came in contact in professional relations. He has passed quickly and silently, in the full vigor of life, in the midst of fond hopes and promising prospects. But his life has had its influence, though scarcely entered upon man's estate. None could dwell within his generous presence without appreciating more fully the claims of others, and feeling a deeper impulse to more fraternal, better, and grander action."

Wabash.

'83. A. E. THORNTON was married in November, 1885, to Miss Hughes, Crawfordsville, Ind. His home is in Chicago.

'84. FRED. COOK is still in Worms, Germany, studying chemistry.

'84. J. F. STUTESMAN is in Chicago.

'85. J. B. ALLEN is clerk at the Sherman House, Indianapolis.

University of Virginia.

'78. HENRY W. HOBSON, of Denver, has been appointed U. S. district attorney for Colorado.

Ohio University.

'60. DR. DAVID H. MOORE, Chancellor of Denver University, was a delegate to the late cattle convention at St. Louis, as he was last year, and, as before, took a prominent part in its proceedings. He was also a delegate to the range-cattle-men's convention in Denver the latter part of January.

Columbia.

'83. W. B. MIDDLETON, mining engineer, late of Denver, Colorado, is now engaged with the Jumbo Smelter, in Gunnison, Gunnison county, Colorado.

'85. CHAS. L. DOOLITTLE, who has been located in Denver, Colorado, during the past winter, has lately departed for pastures new among the mining camps of the state.

University of Michigan.

'80. EARL B. COE, Denver, Colo., has dissolved partnership in the firm of Coe & Sales, and is now engaged in the practice of law by himself.

'81. O. F. HUNT is employed in the law office of Griffin & Warner, of Detroit.

'82. J. E. BEAL was recently elected to the school board of Ann Arbor, enjoying the distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to such a position. He is secretary of the board.

'82. JOHN H. GRANT is practicing law at Manistee, Mich.

Kenyon.

'82. J. A. BENEDICT is in business in Athens, Ga.

'84. R. B. BLOODGOOD is with J. W. Fales & Co., 103 and 105 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.

'84. G. E. BENEDICT has quite recovered from his recent severe illness.

Princeton.

'44. CHARLES W. SHIELDS, D. D., professor in Princeton College, and author of "The Final Philosophy," had an article in the November number of the *Century*, entitled "The United Churches of the United States."

University of Mississippi.

'82. J. M. STEEN, tutor at the university during 1883-84, is now principal of the public school at West Point, Miss.

Vanderbilt.

'87. R. F. HIBBITT is with the hardware firm of Robinson, Bros. & Co., Louisville, Ky.

'88. J. A. GUTHRIE is in the office of the circuit court clerk, Versailles, Ky.

Stevens.

'84. RICHARD LEE FEARN is on the staff of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. His address is 34 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Illinois College.

'64. JAMES C. MARTIN, of old Sigma Prime, now called Pi Sigma, is a conspicuous citizen and a prominent lawyer of California. He lives in Oakland, and is in active sympathy with Beta affairs. To this day he wears his badge in full sight.

University of Kansas.

'75. FRANK P. MACLENNAN has sold the *Emporia Daily News* and bought the *State Journal*, published at Topeka.

'76. HENRY S. TREMPER is city attorney for Lawrence.

'76. JAS. A. WICKERSHAM is professor in Rose Polytechnic, Terre Haute, Ind.

'79. S. M. SMITH is a lawyer at Emporia, Kans.

'81. ERASMUS HAWORTH is professor of natural history in the college at Oscaloosa, Ia.

'81. SCOTT HOPKINS, *quondam* chief of District IX., was married to Cora E. Pierson. ('84) of Lawrence, Thursday, November 26th, 1885.

'83. EDMUND BUTLER is attorney at law at Miles City, Montana Territory.

W. V. REED, '87, and T. F. DORAN, '88, were chosen contestants on the home contest.

Northwestern.

'78. EDWARD W. KINMAN has been appointed postmaster of Jacksonville, Ill. The *Illinois State Register* says: "Mr. Kinman is the son of Col. Wm. Kinman, of the 115th Illinois Infantry, who was killed at Chickamauga. He is a prominent democrat, a good citizen, and qualified in every way for the duties of the office. Mr. Kinman is well and favorably known in this city, having been a member of the thirty-third general assembly as the Morgan county representative from the thirty-eighth district, in which he made a good democratic record."

sketch there is a fond picture, in half a dozen pages, of "Ohio Alpha's Infancy," by J. M. DeCamp, Esq., one of the early members of the chapter. Then comes the main portion of the book, entitled, "Special Register, with Biographical Sketches," filling one hundred and fifty of its two hundred and odd pages. Grouped together at the beginning of this "Register" are fifteen names of honorary members initiated by the chapter from time to time, General Beatty, Chaplain McCabe, and Theodore Tilton being the best known among them. Then, year by year, in the order of initiation, the chapter-roll is gone through, brief sketches of each man being given wherever the material for them could be obtained, which, as the editors inform us in their preface, was in about two-thirds of the cases. It is to be regretted that the other one-third of the membership could not be reached and roused, so that the list of personal sketches—for which alone the book is and aims to be valuable—might be complete.

There is nothing that calls for special comment in the biographical part of the book. A large number of the Ohio Wesleyan Phi Psis have entered the two professions of ministry and teaching, and it is to be presumed that they have done their share of the work of enlightening the world in their several stations and spheres. Several of the earliest members lost their lives in the civil war, whose outbreak followed close upon the establishment of the chapter. The two names on the chapter-roll best known to the outside world are those of Governor Foraker, of Ohio, and Professor John W. White, of Harvard.

Following the "Special Register" is a belated chapter of reminiscences by one of the founders, and a short concluding sketch of the present condition of the Ohio Alpha. The index is a personal one only, the names of the chapter's members being arranged alphabetically with reference to the pages where their respective biographies appear. The work cannot be called entirely satisfactory, since it is painfully incomplete in its principal department. But it is a praiseworthy effort in a direction where it should have imitators, and deserves the special credit of having been conceived and executed in a spirit of good sense and modesty.

New Members of the Wooglin Club.

The membership of the Wooglin Club has almost reached its limit. The following are among the members who have been added in the last three months:

- Hon. W. A. Moore (Michigan '50), Detroit, Mich.
 - Frank T. Lodge (DePauw '84), Detroit, Mich.
 - Don A. Garwood (Michigan '81), Waterloo, Ind.
 - F. C. Davis (Indiana '82), Auburn, Ind.
 - Rev. D. C. Marquis, D.D. (Washington and Jefferson '57), Chicago, Ill.
 - R. H. Bulkley (Illinois College '60), Chicago, Ill.
 - George Rankin (Monmouth College '72), Monmouth, Ill.
 - Hon. D. P. Phelps (Monmouth College '62), Monmouth, Ill.
 - Hon. J. J. Glenn (Miami '56), Monmouth, Ill.
 - C. M. C. Weedman (Ohio Wesleyan '85), Farmer City, Ill.
 - E. C. Randolph (Ohio Wesleyan '85), Lincoln, Ill.
 - Rev. J. B. Worrall (Centre '73), Galesburg, Ill.
 - Harry B. Young, M. D. (Monmouth College '70), Burlington, Ia.
 - W. W. Baldwin (Iowa '68), President St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern Railway, Burlington, Ia.
 - Rev. Arthur Edwards, D.D. (Ohio Wesleyan '58), Chicago, Ill.
 - Bond Stowe (Northwestern '87), Evanston, Ill.
 - Lee Dunlap (Centre '84), St. Louis, Mo.
 - Walter B. Douglas (Westminster '73), St. Louis, Mo.
 - H. E. Insley (DePauw '82), Leavenworth, Kas.
 - Hon. A. J. Poppleton (Michigan '51), Omaha, Neb.
 - Rev. R. N. McKaig (DePauw '70), Omaha, Neb.
 - C. A. Archer, M. D. (Hanover '79), Evansville, Ind.
 - T. R. McFerson (Indiana '63), Evansville, Ind.
 - T. R. Stone, M. D. (Virginia '79), Washington, D. C.
 - J. C. Gordon (Monmouth College '66), professor in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Washington, D. C.
 - S. D. Risley, M. D. (Iowa '67), Philadelphia, Pa.
 - H. A. Hare, M. D. (Pennsylvania '84), Philadelphia, Pa.
 - G. W. Schwartz (Dickinson '84), Philadelphia, Pa.
 - T. B. Bradford, M. D. (Pennsylvania '84), Philadelphia, Pa.
 - T. L. Hazzard, M. D. (Washington and Jefferson '77), Alleghany, Pa.
 - E. M. Thomas (Cumberland '65), Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - R. L. Fearn (Stevens '84), Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - Paul Wilcox (DePauw '79 and Columbia), New York, N. Y.
 - C. R. Barrett (Centre '80), Louisville, Ky.
 - J. L. Moore (Wittenberg), Sandusky, O.
- Lots have been taken by Rev. J. B. Worrall, C. M. C. Weedman, Dr. S. D. Risley, Dr. H. A. Hare, Chambers Baird, Jr., and Paul Wilcox.

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CONVENTIONS AND THEIR MISTAKES.

A recent writer to the journal remarked upon the wide difference in the ideas which our legislators bring to conventions of successive years. The delegates of one year, conservative to a fault, strongly repress all suggestions looking toward extension and lend no inattentive ear to the doctrines of the iconoclastic chapter-killer. The next summer sees a convention under different local influences and with *personnel* entirely changed, showering charters right and left, regarding only the persuasive argument of some smooth-tongued enthusiast.

It needs no argument to show that such thoughtless and aimless legislation not only injures the fraternity in the opinion of the observant fraternity man, but also has in itself a promise of future weakness. A chapter may exist without a policy. A fraternity cannot. A number of widely different chapters may be bound together in a loose organization without aim and without plan. Never will they form an active, growing, and aggressive unit. To-day the conscientious undergraduate, for the first time selected to represent his chapter in convention, who sits down to digest the records of four annual assemblies, feeling that he must make himself master of details if he would faithfully perform his duty, can only arise with bewildered brain from the reading of conflicting and contradictory resolutions and enactments, with the unanswered question ringing in his ears, "To what end?"

Has this vacillating course been characteristic either of the individuals in the fraternity, or of the chapters? By no means. With few exceptions probably every chapter is to-day animated by the same ideas as to the best course for the welfare of the fraternity which inspired the chapter's founders. The ideas have been merely modified by experience, and strengthened by tradition. The very open secret lies in the irregular representation from year to year. The delegates of one year are

the absentees of the next. Thus the control has been thrown back and forth, like a shuttle-cock, from party to party, from conservative to radical. Could each chapter have been represented at all conventions, our legislation would now present a symmetrical, well-developed whole molded upon a clearly defined policy, instead of the shapeless mass which we find.

The editorial preacher might now draw a startling picture of the evils which might result from such inattention to conventional means of grace, point his moral, and conclude with an exhortation to all to come to the convention. A layman can only present these ideas and leave them to the consideration of the chapters which are just now arranging for their delegates.

Not all the evils to be found by an inspection of our convention records can be summed up under the heading of illogical legislation. Fully as much time and labor have been wasted on over-legislation. An observer would quickly suggest that the legal element is predominant in our fraternity, because the framers of our laws have so often seemed to proceed on the assumption that Beta Theta Pi is a full-fledged nation supplied not only with a legislative, but also with executive and judicial departments. We might suppose the judiciary to be vested with all the sanctions known to the civilized world, and the executive to be re-enforced by a military organization.

But this is not so. Whether called laws or resolutions, the measures of a convention have only so much control over the conduct of chapters or of individual members as the chapter or the individual is willing to allow them. How many of our convention meetings have failed of their object simply because their authors failed to recognize the need of first convincing the individuals or chapters of the desirability of the innovation!

We have only to look to recent years to find how true this is. The financial legislation of the Saratoga convention failed. In fact only the simplest of financial legislation has ever succeeded. *As legislation*, the various enactments, resolutions, and "constructions" upon the prep. question have had no influence. So far as the writer knows, not the slightest attention has ever been paid to the complicated judicial system formulated by the Chautauqua convention. And—with all respect for the good intention of the framer—the only effect of the adoption of the system for the regulation of the alumni chapters was to stop agitation on the subject, and thereby to quench the last spark of vitality in the moribund institution. Lastly, the well-meant but ill-timed "transportation" scheme of the St. Louis convention will probably be a dead letter,

simply because the sentiment of the fraternity on the question was not consulted.

Examination will show that in the majority of the cases failure resulted because the convention exceeded its province. It attempted to deal with local, chapter, and individual matters. But there is not space for the discussion of chapter rights and convention rights. The case can only be summed up thus: Legislate less, and educate more. Let the convention deal with only the more necessary routine matters, and leave all the rest to the chapters. Stop trying to *force* weak chapters to a higher place, and *lead* them there. Adopt only such measures as have been thoroughly ventilated in the columns of the magazine. For the rest let interchange of ideas, community of interest, and the bond of fellowship serve.

Reyd.

AROUND OUR CHAPTER FIRE.

II.

Our chapter fire is not always bright. Perhaps we should not always expect the full, even glow. Discord and strife will creep in. To-night the flames flicker and cast ghastly shadows on the wall. Our fuel is poor and sputters and sizzles on the hearth like angry demons. We poke it, and turn it, and hover about it, but still the cold and the wind creep in. We are not so merry and confident to-night. There is a lack of sympathy and that usual freedom of intercourse. We half suspect ourselves and our brothers of disloyalty. There is no direct evidence of treason, but there is an indefinable something in the atmosphere that chills us to the marrow. Our wood, perhaps, is not well-seasoned, or is rotten at the core. We are inclined to seek for the blame elsewhere than in ourselves, and instead of falling heartily to work to find better fuel we satisfy ourselves by piling on more of the same sort, in the false belief that it is more fuel that we want. We try a song, but it sounds so weird and blends so inharmoniously with the whistle of the wind that we do not repeat the at-

tempt. Old Tab wanders about from place to place in search of a warm spot on which to take her ease, and the passer-by hurries on happy in the prospect of a brighter fire at home. To bid him enter and partake of our miserable hospitality is to meet with a pitying smile and an assurance that there is brighter cheer elsewhere.

This can only result in added discomfort, and as, one by one, the tiny flames, hopeful at first, flicker and die out we fall to bitter reproaches. Then some of us put on our great coats, pull our caps over our ears, and, with scarce a regret or word of parting, leave the chapter fire and push out into the night to seek warmth and shelter elsewhere. The few others who remain make a brief effort to fan the dying embers to a blaze, we pledge again our friendship and say we will stay as long as there remains a spark of light on our chapter hearth. No song or laughter rise above the gloom. No tales are told of conquest or fierce struggle to win laurels with which to crown the image of our patron god frowning

upon us now from his place above mantel; no plans are laid for future times, but our feverish fancy is busy with scornful faces at the windows and with laughter. Perhaps we even hear these cruel voices those that once, in brighter scenes, joined with ours in the chapter fire. Why longer shall we remain, for see, has not the chapter one out?

And then there comes a weird, fierce light the door springs open, our single light springs into a flame and catches, and the open door stands one with outstretched arms and glowing face, who before was wont to sit before our fire, and has now returned from his lands to visit once again the scenes of earlier years. We spring to meet him. We grasp him by the hand and his warm grip sends the blood coursing through our veins. We take his hat and cane and help him to that reserved for honored guests. Our ample surroundings are at once forgotten and scarcely do we notice in the sight of this, an elder brother, that flame has kindled into life. Old Tabby is ready curled upon the hearth preparing a comfortable night. Again we see the circle around our chapter fire. Our guest appears scarcely to notice how

few our numbers and how feeble the blaze. It is comfort and beauty to him, dear old fellow, for, if not bright, it is the chapter fire; and is it not brighter and warmer than the storm and darkness without? His mind is filled with warm memories and his heart with kindly emotion. His hair is white and his brow furrowed, but beneath the crust of winter is the verdure of spring. He is talkative to-night and we join in hearty laughter at each recital of some chapter jest, and then again we sit silent and responsive as with tremulous tones he recalls another night when the chapter fire ran low. We feel the hot blood leap and the nerves tighten as with a burst of enthusiasm he recalls a well planned, bravely executed fight which ended in new fuel for our chapter fire, new voices in our songs and new friendships in our lives. But our chapter fire! How it crackles and leaps! How every nerve tingles with the warmth and the glow! We sing:

"From scenes of life's conflicts and trials we turn."

That song reminds us of other days. Our fire is so well going now anything will sparkle and burn in it. We shall look better to our fuel hereafter.

W. C. Sprague.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CIRCULAR LETTERS FOR MAY, AND OTHER MATTERS.

—The forty-seventh annual convention seems destined to be the most important in our history. Not that we have novel or sweeping changes for discussion, but the attendance promises to be large and representative of the whole fraternity that the "unfinished business" of last years will probably be effectually decided. Every chapter is to be represented, thanks to the efforts of the transportation officer, and presumably each chapter will be the chapter's best man, not necessarily the wealthiest, as is often the case. The first duty of the convention will be the adoption of some standard of membership which must be much more definite

than the one now in vogue. A high standard of membership will stop the agitation of the weak chapter question by making all the chapters strong. I wrote something about caste in the BETA THETA PI last month. I said: "If we can not compel a chapter to keep a high standard (I think we can), I am for the second degree plan—a selection from the select." This alluded to the membership of the Wooglin club, where, I understand, three negative votes refuse an application for membership. But do not misunderstand me. I am only in favor of such a second degree plan if it is a necessary evil. I think it would be a very mortifying

confession of weakness to call the evil necessary. We *can* compel a chapter to maintain a standard and we *will* do it.

—In the statements why this chapter should be retained and that destroyed my correspondents give a long variety of reasons which they would like to see incorporated in the standard. The song-book agent says a certain chapter did not buy a copy of his book; the magazine manager could place only one hand-book in a chapter of fifteen men; another chapter lives too far from Chautauqua to take any stock in the Wooglin club; one chapter never writes to the magazine nor to the other chapters; W is in too small a college; Q in too large a one, while the members of Z are not applicants for the A. B. degree. There are hundreds of reasons advanced why certain chapters should be abolished, and I do not believe any chapter has entirely escaped the eye of the horde of fault-finders that have come forth from the chapter-killer's grave. This question of standards has grown so large that I am thankful the end is near. If it is allowed to remain open much longer none of the chapters would be safe from scandal. I see my old chapter several times a year and know that it maintains a standard unsurpassed by any chapter of any fraternity. But some one thinks he has found out something bad about it, and he has begun his ante-convention canvass. We are all of us open to the gossip of the men who would like to run things, and the sooner we take away their weapons the better for us. The general secretary is preparing to meet gossip with fact. He has sent out an exhaustive catechism to the chapters. The answers will necessarily place each chapter on its own merits and silence the vultures. This action of the general secretary is an official admission that the semi-annuals do not give the information they should be required to give. The majority of them are farces, a few of them approach the fulfillment of their mission, but none of them are worth the cost of the printing. They need standardizing as much as do membership, chapters, corresponding secretaries, or other variable quantities.

—There is a marked improvement, however, in the present issue as compared with that of December. The size, typography, and matter are more uniform, and, altogether, an advance has

been made which shows a desire on the part of the chapters to cultivate the friendship of their alumni. With a few exceptions the corresponding secretaries have done their duty, but the exceptions stand out in glaring contrast amid the general improvement. The totally inexcusable letter of the secretary of Denison should be instantly repudiated by the chapter. Westminster, Kenyon, and Randolph Macon come in the same category of unworthy letters, but possibly for better reasons. The semi-annuals from Iowa Wesleyan, Beloit, University of Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Richmond are incomparably superior to their December issues, but Union, Centre, and Ohio Wesleyan have retrograded. Dickinson, California, and Stevens issue models that should be imitated by all the chapters. They are as near perfection as the semi-annuals probably ever will be.

—Throughout our domain Beta Theta Pi has advanced in influence since the opening of the year. Those chapters which were weak in December have strengthened themselves, and, with one or two exceptions, we have every reason to be proud of all the members of our large family. At MAINE STATE and BOSTON the boys have evidently lost nothing, the former having a fine array of commencement honors, and the latter being conspicuous for its refined tone of membership. BROWN has tabulated a large amount of interesting information which shows she still remains one of our brightest eastern stars. HARVARD will not issue any semi-annual at present, as the chapter has nothing to record since December. AMHERST is also silent although repeatedly addressed. Passing from New England to the New York district we find COLUMBIA again delinquent. As they have not been heard from this year, it would seem advisable for the next convention to inquire into the matter. CORNELL is 17 strong against a combined rivalry of 174. In the face of these odds the Beta banner waves triumphantly. STEVENS has issued the most tasty semi-annual I have ever seen, but not so perfect as I expect to see some time in the future. The chapter is as good as it has been for the last six years, but has made no special advances as several rivals have done. ST. LAWRENCE is a small college, but its men are big. It is said the chapter

o not know the original of "Tom." ally prodigal I can think of was a whose father, brother, and cousin etas, and who himself was initiated rep." He finally became so bad e was "shot out" of his chapter, nce could not have been a Beta e reached "Shatover."

I do remember a case where a r was discussing the propriety of ig" a likely student, president of shman class, who afterwards joined r fraternity. The Betas felt rather nd their exultant rivals duly and d to the fraternity world their triumph. "Last evening we led r William-goat and helped him

D. U. Dandy of the freshman Mr. Dandy is the son of Hon. Dandy, of Wayback, and is very r among the students. His class-ave elected him president of their ociety, and he is one of the best at have come here for years. Our d opponents, the Betas, feel very or this makes the sixteenth time in ears that we have laid them out, e whole college acknowledges our erty. Indeed, we claim to have est fraternity chapter in America ; though there are other fraternities ey take what they can get, and in e are rivals. The Betas used to be ongest foes, but they are way down nd will be greatly weakened when niors leave. Hurrah for Chi !"

Psis showed this letter all over , and the Betas felt down in the ; but, will you believe it, in less month Dandy completely fizzled l it was plainly evident that he had l up in his Sunday clothes and on lots of style just to get into a The Psis soon saw that they had a Tartar, and the Betas — well, ughed in their sleeves, and ac-the congratulations of the barbs. soon displayed bad habits, and at l of the term was suspended from for plagiarism in his freshman

Why, he borrowed from the prof of rhetoric a book on "Enthusiasm access," or some such thing, and one chapter *verbatim*, and tried to off on the professor as an original tion. Now, then, had the "Prodigal in the story been expelled, the atch freshman might have turned econd Dandy. I think these hasty ns very detrimental to the healthy

development of the true fraternity chapter. Wait till the new man shows wearing qualities. Give him a chance to show his true character. Wait till he takes off his store clothes, puts on the working garb of a student, and shows himself worthy among the worthy. Appearances are often deceitful, or, as the old couplet well says,

"Things are seldom what they seem;
Skim milk masquerades as cream."

But my kettle is now full, and I must put no more ingredients into my soup lest I spoil it by too much care.

Diogenes, the noted cynic of Athens, had many characteristics that were unlovely. Certainly no one could justly be urged to copy him. Yet when the old fellow, leaving his protecting tub, wandered forth with lighted lantern in broad day-light seeking an honest man he expressed in a peculiar way the feeling that decent men are not to be found everywhere. One has no sympathy with the churlish spirit of the pessimist, who sees no good in anything, nor with the cynic who, surrounded with sackcloth and ashes, lives a life unworthy an immortal soul. Yet that there is need of an improvement in men I am ready to affirm, even though I be accused of using trite themes. College graduates, with honors justly won, wander forth and crowd the learned professions, living a life bordering on starvation, or supported by indulgent parents. Education certainly does not make a man. Some of the noblest of men never had educational advantages. Dress does not make the man ; and, in fact, many a college orator, in straits for a subject, has agreed with me on this point. To seek a happy combination of the various element ought to be the desire of every Beta Theta Pi. One wishes as initiates not full-grown men, whose characters have been formed, but those who are ready to strive, as squires did in days of old, to deserve to be dubbed knights by and by. Some are disposed to ridicule all references to chivalry and knighthood as bringing up recollections of days now happily no more. And yet, why ? The *Star and Crescent*; the "white cross" with its motto "*In hoc signo vinces*;" the *Palm* with its "Pilgrims;" the various mottoes and emblems of our Greek-letter societies, what are they but reminders of chivalry ? Our knights are clad not with

meets as rivals several of the strongest rivals in the West, it is an honor to us and a source of pride to its alumni. BELOIT has again risen to the emergency and is an excellent chapter. Its members are the cream of the college and add much to the honor of Beta Theta Pi. IOWA WESLEYAN sends an excellent letter, which, however, can not conceal the fact that that college is not a fine institution as a field for a great fraternity. IOWA UNIVERSITY is an excellent chapter in an excellent college, and both have good prospects of undiminished prosperity. WESTMINSTER's letter is not

prepossessing, nor does it improve on acquaintance. The chapter is evidently not up to the standard I should propose for Beta membership. In marked contrast to many chapters KANSAS is a leader. Her exceptionally fine standing is very gratifying, and the hope is strong within me that others may profit by her example. The Betas at the Golden Gate have been catalogued by CALIFORNIA with that chapter's usual far-sightedness. Omega the last, farthest away, and one of the best, is as prosperous as ever and as she promises always to be.

F.

SALMAGUNDI.

I used to look with a great deal of interest for the annual report of the committee on necrology. I don't mean that I desired to hear of the death of any brother, but it seemed to me a very wise plan to preserve in convenient form some brief sketches of the lives of our dead. I have been sorry to see the apparent carelessness of the fraternity in this matter for a few years. Can't we have an improvement at the Cincinnati convention?

Not long ago a prominent Beta, whose business duties require him to travel a good deal, was in Columbus, O., and registered at the Park Hotel. In the column devoted to hotel arrivals, I noted next morning, in a daily paper, this item: "Mr. Willis O. Cobb, of Cincinnati, the great dog-show man, is registered at the Park."

Now whether the aforementioned prominent Beta has a chirography hard to decipher, or whether the observing news-gatherer "sized him up" as a lover of dog from general appearance, I can not say; but it struck me that "dog-show man" was very appropriate, and I have no doubt the "prominent Beta" will be at the Cincinnati dog-show in August next.

Among the abortive attempts to start chapters was one at Lafayette College in 1874. An elder brother writing to me

said: "Of the boys who left the old college, I was the only one who went to Lafayette. I felt rather lonesome for a while without any of the old boys to talk to, but I found the students at Lafayette a very friendly set, and before the end of the second term I had pledged three men for charter members of a new chapter, one senior, one sophomore besides myself, and one freshman; but before I could get the charter and organize a chapter, the senior got a chance to join Theta Delta Chi. He left us and then the other two were afraid to venture out in a new fraternity while there were eight other well organized fraternities already flourishing there, and so my prospective chapter collapsed. I was very sorry, for I felt sure that, if I could get it started before the end of my sophomore year, we could work up a pretty good chapter in the next two years. One of my men joined Delta Kappa Epsilon and the other Phi Delta Theta; while I was invited to join four or five of the fraternities, but declined all of the invitations because I felt sure I belonged to a better fraternity than was represented there, and I think so still." I suppose other alumni members can tell just as interesting tales.

I read with great interest the story of "The Prodigal" in the January number, and some unwritten parts of "Chapter II." have been present with me. Let me

coats of mail, with helmet and gauntlets; they are armed not with lance and sword; but, with truth and justice, they march forth in the habiliments of a present civilization, and more manfully strive for the attainment of all that is honorable, good, and true than ever did panoplied warrior on the field of the cloth of gold.

We want *men*, not good scholars, who neglect the rules of common social intercourse; not boys whose ideas of dressing and mustache curling weary their feeble brain power; not good athletes, who can run and jump twenty feet or more, and yet can not tell who Cæsar was; not good public speakers, who, in their devotion to the goodness of eloquence, forget that there are other things in this world; not one-sided persons, but men of culture and refinement, who embody in one symmetrical whole the elements of a perfect gentleman. Knights of the nineteenth century, so to speak. Such men will not hesitate as to work, will not occupy the lower walks of life, but will rise higher and higher until they become, perhaps,

"The pillar of a people's hope,
The centre of a world's desire."

The inspiration which gave birth to Beta Theta Pi was from the legends of chivalry. "Old father Knox" was an admirer of knighthood. In one of his published letters he says: "I came across an old book (no copy of which I have seen since and the name of which I have forgotten) which gave an account of some of the secret organizations of the middle ages. Their knightly vows and pledges were given, with some curious sketches of their inside working and their secret history. I was very much interested in these ancient brotherhoods, and from them derived many ideas."

"College elections have all gone by. As usual, they were settled by combinations, the Betas, Phi Deltas, Phi Psis, and non-frat men dividing the offices." In these days, when fraternity sentiment is being elevated, and when an effort is being made by all honorable fraternity men to eliminate the objectionable features from college life, it seems too bad to hear of "combinations." The best success can not come to the fraternity world until such things become impossible. The fact of the matter is that in every body of men there is more or less of intrigue in the choice of officers. Sides

are easily taken, and party spirit runs high. The writer of the statement quoted may have been a member of an unsuccessful clique, and in his soreness of heart may have raised the foolish cry of "combination" when no regular combination had been formed.

I am inclined to believe that the day is not far distant when merit alone will determine the officers of our college societies and organizations, and when "combinations," "set up jobs," and "stacked meetings" will be a thing of the past. The sentiment of Beta Theta Pi is decidedly averse to anything looking toward scheming with other fraternities for the purpose of gaining so-called college honors.

A good many chapters will hold reunions at the coming commencement season, and many stories of the early days or of chapter life will be rehearsed once more. What an interesting book might be written containing such stories! Here is a man who was in the chapter at the time when there were but three members, and this one well remembers the founding of the Nu Psi society, and another brother tells of how a quarrel at old M— drove some brothers to T— college, where they "took in" the president and all the professors; and so the alumni talk, and to all but the select coterie present the stories are lost; and yet they ought not to be at all. They ought to be preserved, collected and published for the instruction and profit of newly-born Betas in years to come. If this is granted, then it is the plain duty of some brother at each re-union to act the part of stenographer, and catch the historical facts as they fall from the lips of the silver greys. Could a few of these stories be gathered there would be no calls for "copy," and there would be no lack of subscribers to the BETA THETA PI.

The general secretary has, doubtless, sent out his annual announcement of petitions. Probably several colleges will come before the convention, and it is the duty of every chapter to consider well the petitions. No one wants a mistake made, whatever his theory of extension. The main question is: Is the institution in its *present standing* and its *future prospects* worthy of Beta Theta Pi? Some colleges may petition us over and over again. We must not, like the celebrated judge, gran

the petitions, lest by continual coming they weary us.

There were two things in the Westminster letter in the May issue that attracted my attention, and one is certainly worthy of notice. Speaking of a reunion, the secretary says: "Ex-Gov. C. H. Hardin, one of the original eight, was there as much alive to Beta interests as forty-seven years ago, when in the log cabin in the corn-field near Oxford, he entered into the organization of the fraternity."

Who said "log cabin in a corn-field?" John Reilly Knox in the BETA THETA PI, Vol., VIII., p. 42, said "the meeting was held in a room occupied by Taylor Marshall in that part of the college buildings known as the 'old wing' which venerable pile was abated as a nuisance," etc. It would be hard on Knox to have his story "knocked out" by Hardin, and yet if there can be any romantic meetings in an log cabin in a corn-field conjured up or brought to memory, the steps should be taken at once to bring them to light.

Now that brother Joyce has collected the pictures of our living founders, why can't he hunt for a picture of the log-cabin? Perhaps D. K. E. might loan the stock cut used by the *Quarterly* to represent the birthplaces of her chapters, or perhaps some lady friend might draw a picture of infantile Beta Theta Pi away down in her old cabin home in a corn-field. The idea has so inspired a local poet that he has already perpetrated the following doggerel after—a long way after—one of our famous writers:

In a corn-field near Miami,
Long, long ago,
Beta Theta Pi was founded;
Yes, it was so. (Perhaps!)

But a second thing in the letter mentioned was: "Afterward came 'Western Extension' by B. H. Charles, Jr., in which he reviewed the history of Beta Theta Pi as a western fraternity, showing the number of distinguished sons she has had from this part of the country, and sketching a good policy for her in the future." What a splendid text for a speech by an enthusiastic Beta like Charles! He probably improved his opportunity, but did he ever think that a good article on western extension by a thoroughly western man might be acceptable to the editor of the BETA THETA PI and to the members of fraternity in general?

And in his toast he spoke of the number of prominent men, distinguished so of our fraternity, who have come from the western section of our fraternal Surely he didn't mean "Colfax—Voorhees—McDonald—Morton—Porter—Crittenden, etc., etc.," the old spiking story. Yes, he meant that celebrated galaxy Betas. But stop a moment! Colfax dead! Morton is dead! and now brave old Durbin Ward is dead! Are we Beta aware that a former generation is passing away? Are our western chapters aware to the solemn fact that the men who have served to render illustrious the name Beta Theta Pi will soon be gone? Are they trying to build characters of sufficient worth that their sons and grandsons will point to their names with pride akin that we feel when we hear the honorable roll of our fraternity? Here is food for thought. Shall Beta Theta Pi go backward as the years roll by? Heaven forbid that the ranks be filled except by men whose lives will lead new lustre to the galaxy of great Betas.

I have noticed with great interest the lively discussion concerning the University of Virginia chapter arising from charges made by "C. K." in a late issue. "C. K.," writing from some remote nook in the fraternity world, may have been too severe on Omicron, but the damaging open letters in the May issue seem to strengthen his position. Pollard's letter from Alpha Kappa contained some strong points against Omicron, while the Xi letter, treating the charges of "C. K." as heartless jokes over a dead body, capped the climax. Had "C. K." had such letters from the neighboring Virginia chapters to consult, he certainly could have formulated much stronger charges. The testimony seems to be all in. Against the life of Omicron are "C. K.'s" charges, the various letters from Virginia chapters, and the general impression prevailing throughout the fraternity. For the life of what "one of the Beta alumni now at the university says does not exist" are the letter of D. T. Edwards from Kentucky and the editorial comments in a late issue. As brother Pollard well puts it, "The next convention must solve Omicron's problem." Are the chapters ready to decide it.

F. W. Shepardson.

EDITORIAL.

LIKE EVERY GOOD THING, the fraternity system has an indefinite number of admirable points, each one of which, if examined by itself, seems to be the best and most characteristic feature. For example, at convention or in the magazine some enthusiastic brother says that the very best point about the fraternity is the member's desire to reflect credit upon the chapter. We all recognize that point to be well taken. By and by some one else says that the very best feature of the fraternity is the fact that it keeps alive the interest of college men in college matters. That point is well taken, too. And so on through the long list of the advantages belonging to the fraternity system, a list so long that no argument in favor of fraternities has ever succeeded in covering more than a small fraction of the ground.

A FRATERNITY IS AN EXCELLENT TEACHER of charity. Every member who grasps the spirit of the order feels partly responsible for the conduct of every other member. So it happens that each one finds himself making for the others the same excuses and charitable constructions that he would wish for himself. Does not every one recognize this to be so? Is there any one who does not feel that there is always a presumption in favor of every member of his fraternity? When we meet a brother whom at first sight we do not consider an ideal man, do we not immediately, but unconsciously, set ourselves the task of finding the good side of his character, the side that must and does exist? Certainly, for we know that unless that good side exists our fraternity has made a mistake in taking the man and has to that extent given a good mark for the scoffings of our rivals.

WHAT A HARD LIFE the man must lead who undertakes to find reasons for striking chapters from the roll. Does he say that such and such a chapter never sends a representative to convention and therefore should have no charter? Then his major premise necessarily is that all chapters which fail to have representation should be withdrawn; but, unfortunately for that premise (and unfortunately for the chapter, too) Dickinson has had no representative for five years. Every one knows that Dickinson takes exceptionally intelligent interest in most fraternity matters and that the failure to have a member at convention must have resulted from some untoward accident, certainly not from lack of interest. Does the same critic complain that some chapter does not subscribe for the BETA THETA PI to the extent of its ability? He is right, just as in the former case, so far as he asserts that every chapter ought to support all enterprises of the fraternity; but, as in the former case, he would not accept to the full the result to which his reasoning would necessarily lead him; for there are always some good chapters that do little or nothing towards supporting the magazine. This year, for example, there are, we believe, eight chapters by whose so-called active members not even one copy of the magazine is taken. That list of eight would be a very interesting lesson for any one who is framing a general theory as to withdrawing charters, for in the list appear several chapters whose charters have never been attacked. Again, the critic may say that he will judge a chapter by the corresponding secretary, that a certain chapter has not appeared to advantage in the magazine or in the semi-annual circulars, and that therefore it ought not to be allowed to exist. Here again the main principle is right, for a chapter ought to appoint its most active and intelligent member corresponding secretary, and if this were always done it might be right to blame the chapter for the shortcomings of the

officer. Yet many good chapters are sometimes at the mercy of incompetent correspondents. During this year, for example, several chapters that are well known to be excellent have not sent to the magazine as many letters as the editors have asked nor as good letters as the fraternity has a right to expect; and, to turn to the manner in which corresponding secretaries sometimes neglect the semi-annual circular letters,—but let us not touch that unpleasant and immortal subject. The truth is that no chapter is always perfect. A person who knows but one fact about a chapter may from that fact hastily conclude that the chapter is not a good one. Yet every one who has had a liberal education has been warned over and over again not to generalize from one or two facts. A chapter may have one undesirable man, and yet the chapter as a whole may be good. A chapter may disregard one of the enterprises of the fraternity, and yet it may as a rule be wide-awake to our interests. Does not every one who reads this recollect that once he formed a poor opinion of some chapter or other, and that at the very next convention he met a representative of that chapter who was a veritable prince among Betas? In short, charity towards chapters is just as appropriate as charity towards individual members.

IT SEEMS THAT the University of Texas chapter has chosen the name Alpha Omicron, presumably in memory of the chapter that once existed at Trinity University. However laudable may be the wish to commemorate that dead chapter, this particular method of commemoration is, fortunately, forbidden by the constitution and the laws. The duplicating of names led to so much confusion that the practice was at last forbidden by the Wooglin convention of 1884. Section 10 of the laws says “no name shall be given that already belongs to another chapter.” Any one who considers that language ambiguous should read the remainder of that section, also section 1 of the second article of the constitution, section 11 of the laws, and the report of the board of directors to the St. Louis convention of 1885. If any one who takes the trouble to examine the subject should say that he considers it lawful to give to a chapter the Greek name that is now borne by another, we hope the coming convention will devise some wording sufficiently clear and emphatic to close that heretic’s mouth forever.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Bethany.

Bethany College was founded in 1841. Our chapter of Bethany, the Psi of Beta Theta Pi. was ushered into existence in 1861. We have had rivals, the Phi Kappa Psi, and the Sigma Chi, non-extinct. We have at present a rival in the Delta Tau Delta; but our success has not requested their permission, nor awaited their movements. As it is the custom for every corresponding secretary and every fraternity member to say "we have quality, they numbers," I leave the future to decide the merits.

In April we initiated Mr. William L. Addy, of Pittsburg, Pa., a member of the class of '89 and a gentleman whom our Delta brothers had requested to join their fraternity. Since that time everything has moved on smoothly and equally. On Thursday, May 28th, an alumnus of Psi, Mr. A. J. Colborn, Jr., of Somerset, Pa., dropped in on us, and a little later Mr. James Beall, of Independence, Pa.

In all we have numbered fourteen good men, including Prof. M. J. Thompson, who graduated in '79, and Prof. L. C. Woolery, of '84, alumni of the chapter. During the year we have expected to initiate brother Mr. J. F. Woolery, brother of Prof. L. C. Woolery and also of Prof. W. H. Woolery, president *pro tem.*, and although our Delta friends thought they had him we demonstrated the opposite; and last evening the chapter, with visiting friends, assembled to administer the usual reception, after which we adjourned to the consideration of something always dear to the heart of Betas, a fine *Logg*. When all but the tail had been demolished, with guitar, flute, and harp we serenaded the fair sleepers of Bethany and received the encomiums of the silver-headed old gents whose peaceful slumbers we had no intention of disturbing. We discussed the possibility of a *Logg* of the bull species to be slaughtered commencement week, but as yet have arrived at no definite result. We have at present in our chapter eleven brothers, of whom two leave by graduation. Whether we have any honor men or not will not be known until commencement day. Yours to command was re-

quested to deliver the Latin oration at the closing exercises.

Finishing this letter I resign the pen of corresponding secretary of Psi chapter. As I sit here thinking and the ink drying on my pen—again 'tis dipped and again dries—but the ink has dried for the last time.

W. C. Payne, Cor. Sec.

May 31, 1886.

Cornell.

Fraternity matters have not been more eventful than usual during the past few months. Our chapter is prosperous and has had a profitable year. Sackett, Emory, and White will graduate, leaving us for other fields. Sackett will enter Columbia Law School in the fall. White will be located in Washington, where he has a position in the Geographical Survey. Emory will probably teach. We shall have two editors on next year's *Daily Sun*, Denison and Miller.

Makepeace, '85, is located in Auburn, N. Y., where he is doing well in architecture.

Athletics are active at present. Our nine has done excellent work this spring. The crew is developing in fine shape, and will probably win the Childs' cup race in June. At the inter-collegiate field day at Utica, on the 26th inst., Cornell won ten first and eleven second prizes, giving us the prize bowl.

The university is gradually progressing and several new professors and instructors will be added to the faculty next year. Several new residences for professors are being built on the campus, and it begins to assume the proportions of a small village.

Commencement exercises will begin June 13th and close June 17th. The baccalaureate will be given on the 13th by President Adams. Class day exercises will be held on the 15th, and the regular commencement will begin on the 17th.

Alpha Delta Phi held an annual convention here on the 12th and 13th inst., about one hundred delegates being present. Kappa Alpha is building a chapter house on the campus, which will be occupied by the chapter next year.

Our chapter has added two '89 men to its roll, and we now have a good working chapter of seventeen men. During the year we have had pleasant visits from several Betas.

Theodore Miller, Cor. Sec.
May 28th, 1886.

Denison.

During the anniversary week will occur the annual alumni meeting of the college. The public exercises will consist of an oration by brother V. R. Shepard, '76, one of the editorial staff of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, and a poem by brother Osman C. Hooper, '79, assistant editor of the *Columbus Evening Dispatch*. We feel quite puffed up because of this unexpected array of Beta talent.

Field day will be celebrated Monday, June 21st. We have no special athletes and hence are not particularly interested in the exercises. The uncertainty regarding the control of the athletic sports, occasioned by the lack of gymnasium organization, has been removed by a meeting of students, which placed the arrangements in the hands of the junior class. W. B. Owen, '87, is our committeeman this year.

Several of the boys will participate in the closing exercises of the literary societies.

Of the class of 1886, brother H. S. Jones will probably take a post-graduate course here next year. During the summer vacation he will make collections for a bank in Newark. For four years he has been one of the mainstays of the chapter, constant in fraternity work and popular among his fellows, and we rejoice to know of his intention to remain here another year. Brother Harry J. Kendig, of Hayesville, O., who came to our chapter last fall, and has made for himself a warm place, will, in all likelihood, enter at once upon the study of law. He is a brilliant orator and will, no doubt, make a success in his chosen profession. Brother C. S. Sprague has already assumed control of the *McConnellsville Herald*, the leading paper of the Muskingum valley. He has had some experience in newspaper work and expects to enjoy his labors in the journalistic field.

From the class of 1890 we have pledged Clifford R. Hervey, of Granville, (the third brother of that name), D. E. Daniels,

of Newark, and W. C. Carr, of 712 Garden street, Elizabeth, N. J. For some years it has been our custom to initiate the incoming freshmen at the end of the senior prep year, but we shall probably wait till the fall this time. Here at Denison, as in most western colleges, the course really consists of seven years, the last four being called college years and the other three "prep" years. The two departments are separated by an invisible line and it is no unusual thing for college students to have a back study in prepdom, or on the contrary for a "prep" to have studies ahead. Notwithstanding this intimate connection of the two departments we have never initiated "preps" till the very end of the last year, and even this practice we are constrained to abandon, as we are opposed to prep initiations in our fraternity, and do not wish to give the slightest encouragement to the advocates of such membership. The chapter has greatly enjoyed the presence of brother Alfred D. Cole (Brown, '84,) who has been filling the chair of chemistry and physics. Whether he will be elected to a full professorship or not remains to be seen. He has given good satisfaction and would make a strong addition to our faculty. Several of our alumni have visited us of late, among them A. A. Castle, '84, who has just graduated from the Cincinnati law school, W. C. Sheppard, '84, who has been teaching at Johnstown, O., and is now in the west looking for a location, F. D. Barker, '82, who is in business in McConnellsville, O., and who expects to start for Europe about January 1st, 1887, J. L. Wilkin, '86, who is in business in Toledo, and some others.

We have been expecting a visit from the Kenyon chapter in connection with their ball nine, but for some reason they have failed to appear.

E. E. Kitchen, formerly of '86, will graduate soon from Denver University, Colorado, and W. L. Hervey from Princeton College, New Jersey. Brother Hervey has taken high rank, and next year will teach in New York City.

During the summer E. H. Castle, '88, will help conduct a weekly paper at Chippewa Lake in northern Ohio. The rest of the boys will probably spend the summer at their respective homes, quite a number at Granville, and wayfaring Betas passing through the town should not fail to hunt them up.

We are looking forward to the con-

vention with interest and will have a good delegation present. Our delegates have failed to reach conventions of late, but who can fail to reach Cincinnati?

Edward H. Castle, Cor. Sec.
June 1, 1886.

Brown.

Nine months of hard college and fraternity work have about passed away, and the June examinations are treading upon our heels. Looking back upon the events of the past year we see no cause to complain. Losing five men by graduation a year ago, we quickly went to work to fill their places, and succeeded in securing five excellent members from '89, two of whom, by their fine work upon the ball team, have conferred great honor upon Kappa.

This year we lose four men; but as we are on very good terms with several of the incoming class, we shall surely be able to fill their places. We are, as usual, well represented on the *Brunonian* board, Belcher, '88, having just been chosen one of the editors of that paper. It has always fallen to the lot of Kappa to take a goodly share of the honors of class-day, and this year we are well to the front, Ward, '86, having been chosen orator for the occasion.

We do not boast when we say we are proud of our alumni. They are always ready to lend us their assistance, and, consequently, we always rejoice when any honor is conferred upon some one of their number. Therefore, we are pleased to mention that Stephen O. Edwards, '79, has been appointed instructor of logic in the university, and that Walter F. Angell, '80, has been elected assistant attorney general of the state of Rhode Island, alike an honor to himself and to Kappa.

No changes of special note have taken place in the college during the past year, with the exception of the extension of the elective system, and the introduction of a new order of commencement appointments.

The annual *Apoy* of the New England chapters was held here March 12th, 1886, and was a very successful occasion, stirring remarks being made by delegates from other chapters and by the alumni.

Geo. H. Crooker, Cor. Sec.
May 29, 1886.

Richmond.

Richmond College, situated at the foot of Grace street, in the west end of the city, presents a strikingly handsome appearance. The building is large and commanding, and is surrounded by a beautiful campus of thirteen acres, which is being constantly improved. It is the purpose of the board of trustees to erect on the grounds two or more houses for professors and a handsome "Mess Hall" right behind the college building. One of the most interesting features about the college buildings is the Thomas Memorial Hall, which is rapidly nearing completion. The hall, with large paneled ceiling of highly varnished Virginia pine, its walls of light maroon, its wide borders finished in gold, and its beautiful windows, is said by visitors to be one of the handsomest in the state. It will soon be dedicated and used for the museum and lecture hall. The college is in a very prosperous condition. There are seventeen applicants (more than ever before in the history of the institution) for college degrees. The chair of English, which was vacated by the death of A. B. Brown, D. D., LL. D., will be filled at the next annual meeting of the board of trustees. Applications from a number of eminent scholars have been filed. Valuable additions have lately been made to the library. On the 22d of June the Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, D. D., of Chicago, will address the literary societies. Gov. Fitzhugh Lee will preside.

I am happy to say that Alpha Kappa is in a prosperous condition, so far as we are able to judge. Since our last letter we have made no additions to our number. Brother Stacy has not returned to college. We expect to lose by graduation two loyal Betas, Pollard and Lyon, this session. Of course we shall rejoice at their success, but we hate "mightily" to give them up. We carry off fewer honors this season than usual; but, to a great extent, this is due to having a large number of juniors. We are somewhat apprehensive for next session. Losing two by graduation and probably two or three undergraduates will leave us in a destitute condition so far as numbers are concerned; but we hope (and I assure you we purpose supplementing our hopes with honest work) for success.

We are anticipating quite a pleasant meeting with brother W. C. Buting, '78

and '79, of New York, who has been selected to deliver the alumni oration. Last session the one selected for this place was also a Beta; but in due providence to God we were not allowed to hear him. I refer to our gifted and lamented young brother, Prof. Geo. W. Reggan, D. D. At our final banquet we hope to see as many of our alumni and Beta brothers as can possibly attend.

Curtis L. Laws,
per Cor. Editor.

June 3, 1886.

University of Texas.

The Alpha Omicron of Beta Theta Pi was organized at the University of Texas on the evening of May 19th, 1886, at 9:30 o'clock. Dr. Edgar Everhart, professor of chemistry in the university, had charge of the organization, and performed the responsible duties with honor to the fraternity and satisfaction to the members of the chapter. Several resident Betas were present and assisted in the work of organization and initiation. There were five initiates, four of whom were the result of the year's spiking which has been going on by express authority from headquarters. The initiation ceremonies were made impressive with the assistance of Dr. Everhart, the resident Betas present, and those members of the chapter who were Betas in former days. The chapter now has eight active members; P. H. Swearingen, A. C. McDaniel, S. W. Hart, Wm. L. Stiles, and C. I. Evans, received by initiation; J. H. Simpson, C. H. Miller, and F. M. Newton, transferred from other chapters. A full corps of chapter officers were elected, and the present prospects of the chapter are flattering.

For the information and satisfaction of the readers of the BETA THETA PI, I desire to relate briefly the cause of delay in the organization of this chapter. As is known, the charter for the chapter was granted by the general convention at St. Louis last August. The commission and other necessary papers were sent by the general secretary to a prominent member of the fraternity last November. This gentleman first consented to take charge the work, but afterwards found it impracticable for him to do so. This, with the fact of some opposition to the chapter, necessitated laying the matter before the board of directors, who, after a long time,

ordered the chapter to be organized once. As a chapter we extend our thanks to brother John I. Covington, who personally visited and investigated the standing of our university and reported it worthy to receive Beta Theta Pi. As for the satisfaction of those who opposed the chapter we join brother Covington in expressing our sincere confidence that the future will develop the fact that Beta Theta Pi made no mistake in entering the University of Texas.

F. M. Newton, Cor. Sec.

May 24, 1886.

University of California.

The year just closing has witnessed much activity, even excitement, in the halls of Omega. Our rivals have been unusually energetic and hostile; and, while each of the four men whom we have initiated represents a victory after an animated contest, we are, nevertheless, forced to record defeat in two cases. The work which we have thus been compelled to do has given us strength, and increased that internal harmony for which we flatter ourselves we are noted.

The feeling between the various fraternities still continues to be bitter. Scarcely any two are on terms of real friendliness. But, for all that, combinations for political purposes are quite possible, and have occurred in more than one case this year. It is hardly necessary to say that Omega has successfully striven to keep within the spirit of the constitution in this regard.

Three of the fraternities here have chapter-houses. Phi Delta Theta and ourselves have none. We realize the disadvantage we are hereby placed under, and are doing our best to remove the cause of it. One great difficulty is that we seldom have enough members residing in Berkeley to permit us to rent a house; as a rule, more than half live in Oakland and San Francisco with their parents or relatives. Our meetings, however, held semi-monthly at the houses of various members, are well attended. We hope to be able to report the possession of a chapter-house next year.

At our seventh annual banquet, held on the 12th of last month at the Maison Dorée in San Francisco, thirty Betas gathered around the table. We had the pleasure of meeting here brothers C. C. Wright and W. S. Babb, of Alpha

Epsilon, and brother G. E. Colwell, of Alpha Psi, in addition to most of the resident Betas who are accustomed to join with us on these occasions. One more *Alpha* will close the year's festivities. On Tuesday, June 8th, the chapter will give a reception and dinner to W. D. Armes, '82, one of the chapter members of Omega. Brother Armes is about to depart for Europe to pursue a four years' course preparatory to becoming a professor of English. By his enthusiasm and constant assistance to us ever since his graduation, our prospective professor has gained the affection of all; and we will offer him a parting tribute in the manner mentioned.

Several important changes have been made in the university since the arrival of president Holden. Some of these we have chronicled in our semi-annual. A professorship of mineralogy, petrography and economic geology has been established; as also a chair of the French and Spanish languages, to which professor Owen, of the University of Wisconsin, has been called.

We shall open next year with fourteen active members; since, at the present time, there is no reasonable doubt that all but the present senior members will return. It is, of course, impossible to say anything definite regarding the next class. We shall have to do some work, as usual, with, we trust, the usual results. Omega hopes to have a representative at the convention, although she is not very confident that the new transportation fund will yield him enough for his traveling expenses. We appreciate, however, our enviable position with respect to this matter; although, practically, as we have intimated, it will not be found so enviable as it looks.

Finlay Cook, Cor. Sec.

June 2, 1886.

Dickinson.

Alpha Sigma is at the close of one of her most successful years. Beginning active work in September with but four men, our numbers have grown to nine. Of these we shall lose one by graduation, while the remaining eight expect to return in the fall. We shall therefore begin the fall campaign in better condition numerically than for several years past. There is not one of our members who can be charged with lack of interest, not one but

has been benefited by association with the others.

Of no little good has the increased interest of our alumni been to us. During the year a large proportion, beginning with the very first name, have either visited us or written.

Since the publication of our May semi-annual several honors have accrued to us. Senior class standing has been arranged by an extensive use of the grouping system. In a class of 24, Chas. E. Bikle is assigned to the second group and given an oration of the first class. He is thus ranked among the first five. Reynolds was elected in May to the position of athletic director and treasurer, perhaps the most desirable honor in the gift of students, and with Prof. Durell of the faculty and a member of the senior class, he will supplement the influence our chapter has hitherto had in athletics through Lake and Parsels. Welch takes the gold medal in the U. P. sophomore oratorical contest, and also one of four editorships on the *Dickinsonian*. Parsels wins the half-mile run on the annual field day, while Lake wins first heat in the one hundred yards dash, and is prevented by illness from contesting further. Several positions of less importance than those already given fall to Yocum, Todd, Stewart, Parsels, and Welsh, and are noted in the report of the chief of the district.

The surrender of the charter of the Dickinson charge, Theta Delta Chi, was announced to the other chapters June 10th. An irreconcilable difficulty between two of its eight members who are expected to return next year is the assigned reason. It is probable that most of the members will unite with some other chapters. How this distribution will affect fraternity life at Dickinson remains to be seen.

F. M. Welsh, Cor. Sec.

June 12, 1886.

Columbia.

The oldest records of the founding of a college in the city of New York are contained in the books of Trinity Church. From them it appears that as early as 1703 the Governor, Lord Carnbury, designed to build one on the King's Farm. Some such plan was again thought of in 1729, when Berkeley visited this country. His plan failing, nothing was done until

when an act was passed, entitled "an act for raising the sum of £2,250 for the encouragement of learning and for founding a college." Similar acts followed, and in 1751 ten trustees were appointed, two belonging to the Dutch Reformed Church, one Presbyterian, and seven members of the Church of England (some being vestrymen of the city Church). The church soon offered them part of their land. This plan of connecting the college with the church met with much opposition and delayed the granting of a royal charter to King's College until October 31st, 1754. The Rev. Dr. S. Johnson, of Hartford, accepted the position of president, and the college was formally opened July 17th, 1755. The charter named the archbishop of Canterbury as governor of the college. One of the conditions of the gifts of Trinity Church was that its president should be a member of and in communion with the Church of England, but the charter expressly denies to the college the power of enforcing laws tending to exclude any person of any religious denomination whatever from any privileges of the college. The affairs of the college seem to have languished until 1776 when the buildings were used for the reception of troops and students dispersed. Up to this time 100 students were educated, many of whom had gained great distinction in their respective professions. After a period of eight years, during which the college remained in decay, an act passed granting the college the name of Columbia College, and the four faculties, arts, divinity, medicine, and law, were established. Financial aid was received from the legislature and grants of land made which later became very valuable. In 1857 the college was moved to its present quarters, a block bounded by Madison and Fourth streets, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets.

The college grew rapidly and in 1860 the college of physicians and surgeons was incorporated as its medical department. The school has an independent board of trustees, and its financial affairs are entirely distinct from those of Columbia College. The school of mines, now one of the principal departments, was established in 1864 for the purpose of furnishing to persons who desired it the means of acquiring a thorough scientific and practical knowledge of branches relating to mining. When first established it was to exist entirely on funds obtained by private subscription. The Rev. Dr. Barnard was now president, and he at once saw signs of promise of the new school, and it was chiefly his enlightened spirit and judgment that carried it through the most critical period of its existence, and finally expanded and developed it until it became one of the best technical schools in the country.

The faculties of the college are at present arts, law, mines, medicine, and political sciences. The school of mines comprises seven courses: mining engineering, civil engineering, metallurgy, analytical and applied chemistry, architecture, and sanitary engineering. No student is permitted to pursue a special or partial course. Each course occupies four years and the cost of tuition in this department is \$200. More M. E. degrees are given each year than any other, but in the last few years the number taking the chemical course has considerably increased. The work in this department is to a great extent practical, being carried on in the various laboratories. Students are also required to visit machine shops and factories, and six weeks of the summer spent in working in some mine.

Ernst J. Lederle, Cor. Sec.
June 1, 1886.

OPEN LETTER.

Some Thoughts on the Convention.

Another great convention of Beta Theta Pi is drawing near, and as this will be the last chance of reaching the different chapters through the medium of the magazine, I am moved to present a few thoughts concerning the convention with a desire to awaken earnest consideration of what seem to be leading issues.

There ought to be a large attendance at Cincinnati in August. There are at least twenty chapters that should have five active members each on the ground. There should be an earnest attempt made to have at least one hundred active members present, for matters of great importance may need attention.

Every chapter should see to it that all claims of the general treasurer for annual dues or transportation fund are settled, for no chapter in arrears will be allowed representation in the session of the convention.

Every chapter should definitely instruct its delegates in regard to voting on certain petitions for new chapters and in the matter of withdrawing charters. Every delegate should consider thoughtfully and intelligently the question of future extension and should be ready to vote at once upon measures for the development of the fraternity.

Now, to what business should the convention attend? There has been much acrimonious discussion in these columns during the present year regarding the withdrawal of certain charters. Two of our chapters in the largest and best known universities in America have been in a deplorable condition during the present year; one a chapter in a college where local clubs are supreme and fraternities are of little consequence, the other in a southern university of great age, where the Betas haven't time to get acquainted with each other and attend to chapter work. The fraternity has good reason to doubt the wisdom of keeping chapters up under such circumstances. There are others under the ban for this or that reason and their cases will be carefully considered. What shall we do? That is the question of the hour. There is no shadow of a doubt that a large

number of Betas believe that the time has come to apply the knife to a few branches. But there is need of great caution, and the steps should be light in this direction. Each chapter should have a full and free chance for defense, and if, after trial, there still are good reasons for the death penalty, let it be pronounced with firmness, and let the sentence be executed without any unnecessary whining or whimpering. It would be a great mistake if hot-headed enthusiasts should cleave the head from some chapter without due consideration, but it would be a far greater blunder to allow a condemned chapter to live, just because its death would hurt the feelings of dear brother Jones (ah!) who went to school three years ago.

Should the question of preparatory initiations be brought before the convention? It is my candid conviction that this question will settle itself if left alone. The majority of our chapters do not admit preparatory members, and an editorial article in the May issue of this journal states that at the present time not two per cent of our members are "preps." A gratifying report comes from the "prep" initiating chapters that they are trying to discountenance the practice, but can do nothing unless the other fraternities will co-operate with them. The "prep" exterminator has had his fling in our columns and has had his answer from the various chapters. Will not "C. K." and all the rest agree to leave this question until some flagrant case shall demand investigation by the fraternity?

In these days of labor agitation there are rumors—no, not rumors—there are statements made even in our Hand-Book of 1886, that certain of our chapters are in the "combination" business heavily. Over and over again have the objections to combinations been pointed out, and still some chapters persist in running political machines in college, and the disgraceful proceedings at the Indiana oratorical contest this spring resulting from such combinations certainly did not strengthen the cause of college fraternities.

Some years ago the fraternity commissioned brother W. R. Baird to prepare

a manual for the fraternity. No better man could have been selected for so important a work; but would it not be well for this convention to take steps to raise the needed money? It does not pay to issue books and then hope for repayment. Money for future publications must be raised prior to their appearance, and certainly Beta Theta Pi should be greatly interested in a manual and history.

The "dispensation" theme deserves attention, too. Some chapters do not favor the plan of granting a dispensation, especially when it seems to be an easy way for the directors to compromise the fraternity regarding entrance to a college. On the other hand, there is much in the theory of brother Chambers Baird as explained in his article in the May number. At any rate, there ought to be determined very soon a policy for Beta Theta Pi to follow. One year we hear of great conservatism, the next year

of unanimous feeling for extension. Such extremes are not healthy and should be avoided. Again; should we not make an earnest and decided attempt to found a fraternity library? I think of no better place for the resting place of such a valuable collection as might be made than Wooglin-on-Chautauqua. The organization is of course a select one, and yet it is the only real Beta headquarters in existence. The location, however, is secondary to the collection. What does the fraternity think of pushing the library?

Other thoughts come fast, but space forbids further discussion. Let all Betas who can be in Cincinnati in August. Let wisdom, moderation, and perhaps stern justice be present, but let brotherly love prevail, and let there be that harmony which is the strength and support of all institutions, especially of this fraternity of ours.

F. W. Shepardson.

Granville, Ohio, May 27, 1886.

MISCELLANY.

A Manual of Phi Delta Theta.

Such is the title of a neat little book sent out by Walter B. Palmer, of Nashville, Tenn., the historian of his fraternity. The manual lays no claims to being a history but was published for the use of the chapters and members of Phi Delta Theta. It should be in the hands of every active member of that fraternity. The sketch of the fraternity traces the history of college grants in Ohio, whereby were founded Ohio University at Athens and Miami University at Oxford, and tells something of Miami's history and its fraternities. Phi Delta Theta was founded December 26th, 1848, in what was then known as Washington Hall, by six students of the classes of '49, '50, and '51, and the *personnel* of the early members was remarkably high. The chapter was so successful that in 1852 a second chapter was started in Miami, but a six months' trial resulted in the abandonment of the plan. It is said that the same plan with

like results was tried at Centre College in 1855. From Miami the fraternity has spread south and west, and of late years east, until it has now an active list of fifty-seven chapters in twenty-six states. The growth has been remarkable, as is well shown by a quotation given from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

"We have been told that Phi Delta Theta had but five chapters at the close of the war. A determined and aggressive campaign was inaugurated, an extension fund provided, and Phi Delta Theta went out among the gentiles and barbarians.

' Since then where is the college town
That's missed her pilgrim staff and gown?
What college door has held its lock
Against the challenge of her knock?' "

She has nearly sixty chapters in her fold and probably numbers more college students than does any other fraternity."

The fraternity holds biennial conventions and secures a large attendance by a

per capita assessment on active members to pay the expenses of delegates. A general council, akin to our board of directors, has supervision of the fraternity, and there are districts called provinces, the alumni members having a controlling influence in the fraternity.

The fraternity journal is the *Scroll*, founded in 1875, now published at New York. The claim is made for a membership of 4,500 based upon statistics of the general council. Under the head of "prominent members" are given the names of the leading Phis, prominent names being those of W. F. Vilas, post-master general; Benjamin Harrison, senator from Indiana; senator J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky; pension commissioner J. C. Black, and ex-minister J. W. Foster.

Under "statistics of fraternities" are given the name, date and place of found-

ing, number of chapters and colors of all the fraternities in the country, a very handy reference table indeed. The section entitled "statistics of colleges" gives facts about the colleges in which Phi chapters are located, such as date of founding, denomination, amount of endowment, number of students, expense for tuition, college papers, fraternities represented, college colors, etc. The book is well printed, the foot-notes, which are remarkably full and valuable, being in smaller type than the main body of the work. Many interesting quotations might be given did space permit. The little book is a useful addition to fraternity literature, and presents the worth of Phi Delta Theta in very good shape. It will be a good "spiking" document for the active members of the fraternity.

F. W. S.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

CHI PSI has not entered Emory College.

THE *Phi Gamma Delta* is now a quarterly.

CHI PHI has a chapter in the University of North Carolina.

SIGMA PHI has withdrawn its chapter from Union College on account of the decline of the college.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

THE Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter at the University of Alabama has been revived.

NOTHING has come of the attempt to establish Alpha Delta Phi in the University of Wisconsin.

THE Rainbow chapter at the University of Texas refused to enter Delta Tau Delta and joined Phi Delta Theta.

IT is said that the charter of the University of Chicago chapter of Psi Upsilon has been withdrawn.—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA is dead at Washington and Lee University.

THE name of the Mystic Seven has been changed to Phi Theta Alpha.

THERE is a new chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at Western Reserve University.

SIGMA NU has recently established a chapter in the University of Missouri.

PHI DELTA THETA and Phi Gamma Delta now have chapters in Knox College.

AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY some students are trying to get a charter from Phi Kappa Psi.

AT THE Ohio State University the fraternities have agreed not to initiate preparatory students.

PHI KAPPA PSI is talking of making the *Shield* a bi-monthly magazine and of giving the editor a salary.

IT is reported that Delta Tau Delta will restore the charter of the chapter at Franklin and Marshall.

FRATERNITY called Tau Alpha on or Pi Alpha Epsilon is said to have been founded recently at Washington Lee.

I KAPPA PSI has adopted a new constitution. Hereafter there will be an executive council of nine members, four of undergraduates. The initiation of preparatory students is forbidden.

LTA TAU DELTA has received from Rainbow chapters at Emory and Vanderbilt, and the University of Mississippi. The Rainbow chapters at the University of Texas and Southwestern University refused to enter the consolidation.

AN annual inter-fraternity hop, the social event of the year, will take place on the 19th of February. Only four fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi, and Chi Psi, will participate, Delta Theta being excluded on general principles and Delta Upsilon not yet fairly recognized.—University of Wisconsin letter in *Chi Psi Purple and*

LTA TAU DELTA and the Rainbow have finally been consolidated. The most desirable terms of the union are that the name of the *Crescent* shall be changed to the *Rainbow*, and that the southern fraternities shall be called the Rainbow on of Delta Tau Delta. The Rainbow is also guaranteed one alumni representative in the executive council.

IT HAS been generally reported that Beta Theta Pi is anxious to establish a chapter at the University of Georgia, and already attempts have been made in that direction. If such be the case she certainly has failed in the attempt, for her name doesn't appear in the fraternity directory there.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

PI ALPHA EPSILON has established a chapter at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., where Beta Theta Pi has so long maintained a solitary existence. The Beta chapter was continued mainly to initiate students of Vanderbilt during the existence of the anti-fraternity laws at that institution, and to support the Beta chapter's claim of having no *sub rosa* chapters as consistently as possible.—*The Sigma Chi*.

PSI Upsilon has passed resolutions favorable to the establishment of a chapter at the University of Minnesota as soon as practicable. The university has 125 students at present, divided between Chi Psi, Delta Tau Delta, and a local organization.—*The Sigma Chi*.

NEWS of a decided interest to fraternity men comes from the city of Portland, Oregon. A movement started by W. T. Hume (Beta Theta Pi) and E. D. Curtis (Delta Tau Delta), prominent business men, is on foot to organize the Greeks of the city into a pan-hellenic chapter, admitting all Greeks who stand well in the front of life, of whatever fraternity.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

PROF. H. H. BOYESSEN, Chi, '68, contributes "The Romance of a Peer" to the *Independent* of May 21st. Goldwin Smith, Chi, '45, appears in the *May Harper's* with a strong article, "Organization of Democracy."—*Psi Upsilon Diamond*. Now, according to the *Cornellian*, the Chi chapter of Psi Upsilon was established at Cornell University in 1876, and it seems strange that Prof. Boyesen should have been a member of that chapter in 1868, more especially as he was never a student at Cornell. All this seems a little odd to the reader, but how trifling does it become when we consider that Goldwin Smith, Chi, '45, not only was a member of Psi Upsilon at Cornell *thirty-one* years before that society was established there, but also accomplished the marvelous feat of being a student at the university nearly *twenty* years before the institution was founded. This will not, however, surprise those of us who recollect that the distinguished Homer, author of those interesting works, the "Iliad" and "Odyssey," was graduated from the Chi chapter of Psi Upsilon in the 834 B. C. delegation.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

PHI DELTA THETA, in following the phantom of extension, has neglected her southern interests, which are at this juncture clearly in the wane. The chapters at Randolph Macon, Wofford, and the V. M. I. are dead, the one at Richmond College is *in articulo mortis*, while the chapter at the South Carolina College is far inferior to most of the chapters at that institution. The chapters at Vanderbilt University, Emory College, and the University of Alabama constitute the

backbone of Phi Delta Theta influence in the south, though even at the last-named institution the southern characteristic of Phi Delta Theta of preferring quantity to quality seems to prevail to too great an extent to give the chapter the influence it should wield. The other chapters are generally full ones, but heterogeneous in composition and weak in local influence.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

THE Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* says: "The South Carolina University was founded in 1801 at Columbia." The institution at Columbia is the South Carolina College. The South Carolina University is composed of the South Carolina College, the State Military Academy at Charleston, and the Claflin College (for negroes) at Orangeburgh. At the South Carolina College there are chapters of Kappa Alpha, Chi Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega; and Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Psi, and Beta Theta Pi had chapters there before the war, all of which, it seems probable, will be revived.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

THE Greek-letter societies with chapters at Harvard are Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, and Delta Kappa Epsilon. The first of these is a feeder of the Pudding, and its honored badge is chiefly valued as an ornament

to the student's room, and certainly not as a symbol of membership in a brotherly fraternity. The next five are small and but little heard of amid the more important and older literary and social organizations. The conservative character of Harvard student life seems to preclude the existence of a fraternal feeling between members of that university and members of sister colleges. Several of the chaptered societies have gained courage in the past few years and re-established their branches—some claim for these regenerated charges a successful existence, close connection with their respective fraternities, and a preservation of the secret distinction of the Greek-letter society. But the interval between the crushing out of the representatives of the chaptered societies in 1857 and the re-establishment of Alpha Delta Phi in 1878, marks strong advances in the local society system at Harvard and the formation of new and powerful clubs, like the A. D., Pi Eta, O. K., Signet, and the Everett Athenæum. The chaptered societies which flourish in the other leading colleges of the country can hardly hope to displace their older and more powerful rivals, and they must lose their individuality or remain in the background. Psi Upsilon has always aimed to hold fraternal feeling a requirement for chapter existence, and does not care to subordinate this object in order to secure a foothold in America's oldest university.—*Psi Upsilon Diamond*.

REPRESENTATION AT RECENT CONVENTIONS.

In connection with the coming convention it may be interesting to see how the chapters have been represented for the last five years. The table given below will show at how many conventions during this period each chapter has had a delegate or delegates:

Amherst, 1.*	DePauw, 5.
Beloit, 2.	Dickinson, 0.
Bethany, 3.	Hampden Sidney, 3.
Boston, 4.	Hanover, 2.
Brown, 5.	Harvard, 5.
California, 2.	Indiana, 4.
Centre, 5.	Iowa, 4.
Columbia, 2.†	Iowa Wesleyan, 1.
Cornell, 5.	Johns Hopkins, 3.
Cumberland, 0.	Kansas, 2.
Denison, 3.	Kenyon, 4.

Madison, 4.	Stevens, 5.
Maine State, 3.	Union, 3.
Michigan, 5.	Vanderbilt, 1.*
Mississippi, 2.	Virginia, 5.
Northwestern, 3.	Wabash, 3.
Ohio University, 4.	Washington and
Ohio Wesleyan, 5.	Jefferson, 2.
Pennsylvania, 2.	Western Reserve, 4.
Randolph Macon, 2.	Westminster, 5.
Richmond, 3.	Wisconsin, 4.
Rutgers, 0.	Wittenberg, 3.
St. Lawrence, 5.	Wooster, 5.

The Michigan and Stevens chapters carry off the palm for the best representation, each being credited with a total of thirteen delegates for the five years.

W. D. F.

*There have been but two conventions since the founding of these chapters.

†Three conventions since the establishment of Columbia.

THE BETAS.

Denison.

VINTON RANDALL SHEPARD, of the *ati Commercial-Gazette*, will deliver the oration at commencement, 1886.

OSMAN CASTLE HOOPER, the associate of the Columbus (O.) *Evening Despatch*, umni poet-elect for the commencement at Denison.

J. L. WILKIN is in the wholesale dry use of D. C. Luce & Co., at Toledo, O.

Richmond.

PERCY STUART GRANT was married 21st. 1885, to Miss Avis Walker, of Richmond, Virginia. The ceremony was celebrated at the Episcopal Church.

REV. CHARLES TRAVERS HERNDON, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1881, is pastor of Baptist churches at Richmond and Waterford, Loudoun county.

E. F. SETTLE, who has been teaching, is in Culpepper county, Va.

JAMES G. FIELD, JR., is resident physician at the Richmond City Alms House.

W. A. THOMAS is with the large tobacco curing firm of T. C. Williams & Co., of Richmond, Va.

A. McIVER BOSTWICK is in poor health. He is at Lawtonville, S. C.

THOMAS N. TERRELL and W. R. FITZGERALD are in the tobacco business at Danville,

FRANK LYON is working for the R. & D. system, with headquarters at Charlotte,

Pennsylvania.

B. GRATZ BROWN, of the old Epsilon now called the Pi Epsilon, died on the 13th, 1885. We have not yet been able to secure an adequate account of his life. A following sketch appeared in the news-

B. Gratz Brown died at his residence at St. Louis, this morning, of pneumonia, complicated with heart disease, aged 56 years. Mr. Brown was a prominent politician of this state for a number of years and also earned a national reputation. He was the first emancipation speech ever delivered in the Missouri legislature, and, in connection with P. Blair, became an active promoter of the cause. He entered the Union service at the outbreak of the war, and after the close of the war joined what was known at that time as the liberal movement in this state, which resulted in his election as governor of the state, and the re-franchisement of the rebels. Subsequently he was elected to the U. S. Senate, and in 1870 term, and later was nominated Vice-President of the United States on the Greeley ticket. He ranked high as a man of ability, was liberal in his tendencies, and was regarded as a sound thinker. Mr. Brown has been ill about a week. On Friday last he came

into the city to be present at the sale of the St. Louis, Hannibal and Keokuk Railroad, with which he was legally connected, and it is supposed he took additional cold, which resulted in a violent and rapid attack of pneumonia. He gradually sank from midnight last night till 7 o'clock this morning, when he quietly passed away, surrounded by all the members of his family and his attending physician."

Ohio Wesleyan.

'54. HON. SAMUEL H. ELBERT, of Denver, was the Republican candidate for justice of the supreme court at the last November election and received a flattering majority, taking his seat with the new year. This is Judge Elbert's second term on the supreme bench, although with an interval of two years between terms. His opponent was also a Beta, Judge Wilbur F. Stone, who was on the wrong side of the political fence for success in his state, but retires with the respect of the community and of his associates. It is no slight compliment to both that Judge Elbert was expressly nominated to beat him—which he did in the purest campaign the soiled politics of Colorado have almost ever known.

'77. Upon the evening of June 3d, 1886, SYLVESTER G. WILLIAMS was married to Miss Martha Eckert Taylor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Taylor, the bride's parents, in Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are now at their home, 4 Eden Park Terrace, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

Indiana University.

'49. DANIEL W. KIRKWOOD, LL. D., "the Kepler of America," as he is often called, has resigned the chair of mathematics in Indiana University, to take effect in June next. He received the honorary title of master of arts from Washington College, Pa., and from Marshall College in 1849, and the degree of doctor of laws from the University of Pennsylvania in 1852. From 1843 to 1858 he was principal of Lancaster, Pa., high school. Since that time he has been professor of mathematics in Delaware and Jefferson Colleges, and in the Indiana University. He has published several books, among them "Meteoric Astronomy" in 1867, and "Comets and Meteors" in 1873. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of the American Philological Society. Now, after fifty years hard work teaching, he retires to the quiet of his home.

'68. ROBERT DAVID RICHARDSON, of Evansville, Ind., is one of the trustees of Indiana University.

'71. HON. ROBERT WALKER MIERS, of Bloomington, was prosecuting attorney of Monroe county from 1875 to 1878, and has been a member of the state legislature. He is a trustee of the University.

'81. WALTER WILLIAM BONNER is cashier of the Third National Bank of Greensburg Ind.

'84. FRANK LINCOLN MCCOY is studying at Cincinnati Law School.

'84. WILLIAM RAWLES is teaching the Bloomington high school.

'87. ALBERT RABB, who is still in the lists, has never been without the honor of some college office while he has been in college. At present he is business manager of "*The Student*," treasurer of the Lecture Association, vice-president of the Athenian Literary Society, and captain of the University base ball club.

DePauw.

ALBERT GALLATIN PORTER, ex-governor of Indiana, is often spoken of as the only Republican who can carry Indiana. He is a very shrewd political worker and the following newspaper clipping will show how he manages his campaigns.

"I can tell you a little story showing how Governor Porter has attained his great popularity," remarked a bystander.

"Let's have it."

"When he was making his canvass for the governorship, he was billed to speak in a democratic county. He went to the place, where he found a committee of Republicans, brass band and all, waiting to receive him. In the crowd he espied a good old Democratic brother, whom we will call Jones. Rushing up to him he grabbed him by both hands and began plying him with questions about the health of Mrs. Jones and all the young Joneses. One of the committee came and told him they were waiting on him. He told them to go on, that he was busy. He then jumped into Jones' buggy and went home to dinner with him, got Jones and all his friends to go to the meeting. The upshot was that the republicans carried that county for the first time in its history, and by a like campaign he carried the state."

"Pretty shrewd worker. How old a man is he?"

"Upwards of sixty, but remarkably well preserved. He has a wonderful following in Indiana. He is personally more popular than any public man Indiana has ever had excepting Oliver P. Morton and Blue Jeans Williams."

Miami.

Another of the prominent members of our fraternity has passed away, leaving behind him a good name and pleasant recollections. DURBIN WARD was born at Augusta, Ky., February 11th, 1819. He was of English and Welsh extraction and came from good fighting stock, his grandfather and father both being in the war of 1812. He was named in honor of Dr. Durbin, a distinguished Methodist divine. His early educational advantages were few, but, by dint of hard work, he was able to spend two years in Miami University. He studied law at Lebanon, O., under Judge Smith and the famous Thomas Corwin. He was prosecuting attorney of Warren county 1845-51, and served in the Ohio House of Representatives in 1852-3, being then a Whig. In 1855 he became a Democrat. He was defeated for Congress in 1856 and for attorney general in 1858. When the war broke out, he was the first man in his congressional district who volunteered. He declined a captaincy and enlisted as a private soldier. He was soon made major and took part in the battles of Mill Springs, Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, and

Chickamauga. In the last battle he was shot through the body and his left arm was disabled for life. He was made brigadier general by brevet, and was in the 14th corps of the army of the Cumberland.

He was United States District Attorney for Southern Ohio in 1866-9 and member of the Ohio Senate in 1870-2. He wrote several pamphlets, one "Against Capital Punishment," one on "American Coinage and Currency."

He was better known in Ohio politics for offices he failed to get than for those he filled. He trained with the old line of Democrats, familiarly called "Mossbacks," and was their champion in several contests. In 1883 when the term of George H. Pendleton as U. S. Senator had expired and his successor was chosen, Durbin Ward was called to the front, and many felt that his hour of victory was at hand, when by some peculiar transaction, in which bribery was freely charged, he was robbed of the spoils when almost in his grasp.

A leading Democratic paper thus sums up the reasons for his political disappointments:

"He failed as a politician because he was all his life an honest, straightforward man who disdained to subordinate his convictions of right to the petty arts that lead to political success. He would not bend to palpable error. He would not condone a wrong, when he knew it to be a wrong. He would not play the sycophant or descend to cunning or trickery. He was a man of strong convictions of right and he was true to them always. He kept before him a strong moral purpose and followed it consistently. He believed in the people even when the people had seemed to lose faith in him. He was upright, honest, true-hearted and no demagogue. Therefore he was disappointed in political hopes. The rewards he thought were due him came grudgingly if at all. But he was true to his convictions and true to his political faith. Brave old Durbin Ward! After all, is not the chaplet of sincere respect that all men will lay on his coffin, better than all the empty honors of office, of public fame that he might have bought as other men have bought them, at the expense of the nobler attributes of his manhood?"

General Ward died at his home in Lebanon, Ohio, May 22nd, 1886, and was buried with honors on the 26th.

He was a loyal member of the Beta Theta Pi and always attended the fraternity meetings when possible. He was initiated at old Alpha, and many Betas who were at the Cincinnati convention of 1882 will recollect the interesting story he told there of his initiation and chapter life. He was warmly attached to Alpha, and once when asked to join in organizing an alumni chapter at Cincinnati, he refused, until he was informed it would not destroy his membership in Alpha. Said he, "I can never give up Old Alpha."

Hampden Sidney.

'52. REV. THOMAS WHAREY, D. D., who for a number of years has been the pastor of the Briery Church, Prince Edward county, Virginia, has removed to Corsicana, Texas, where he will engage in pastoral work. He divided the first honor in 1852, and the next year was elected adjunct professor of Greek and Latin in his *alma mater*. He held this position one year. In

1859 he was elected professor of Hebrew and church history in the Union Theological Seminary (south), and continued this service until the breaking out of the war, when he entered the Confederate States' army as chaplain and served until Lee surrendered. Since that time he has been a minister; and now he leaves the community which has been the scene of his labors since 1850, with the best wishes of all, and especially of the Zeta boys. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Hampden Sidney in 1879.

'59. REV. GEORGE WILLIAM WHITE, of Moorefield, W. Va., recently paid his old chapter a friendly visit on his way from a meeting of the synod of Virginia. His love for Beta Theta Pi does not grow cold, although years are rapidly separating him from his Zeta life. He entered Hampden Sidney from the University of Virginia. From 1858 to 1866 he was pastor of a church at Brunswick, Va., and since that time, now nearly twenty years, he has held the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Moorefield, W. Va.

'70. REV. JAMES EDWARD BOOKER, late of Staunton, Va., has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Charleston, W. Va. After graduating from Hampden Sidney he went to Europe and spent several years in study at Göttingen and Leipzig. He was pastor at Staunton, Va., from 1878 to the present time.

'76. REV. COLIN STOKES studied theology in the Union Seminary (south) for three years after graduation, and immediately after the close of the last term became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Amherst Court House, Va. He recently paid Zeta a visit.

'77. NATHANIEL CLAYTON MANSON received the first honor of the class on graduation. For three years he was principal of the Farnville Academy, resigning in 1880. He is now mayor of Lynchburg, Va.

'80. ARCHIBALD ROANE HARWOOD, who is engaged in cattle-raising, near Gonzales, Texas, not long since dropped in upon his old friends at Hampden Sidney.

'80. JOHN CALVIN STEWART, who has been preaching at Delaplane, Va., has just removed to the vicinity of Baltimore, Md., where he has charge of a good church.

'82. PRENTICE ELLIS EDRINGTON is engaged in law practice in New Orleans, La.

'85. HENRY LAURENS HOPKINS is raising cattle, with A. R. Harwood, at Gonzales, Texas.

'83. W. D. SPURLIN is studying in the Union Theological Seminary, at Worsham, Va., and is also supplying several churches in Cumberland county. He is a regular attendant upon chapter meetings.

'83. STOCKTON TERRY MOSBY is studying theology at Hampden Sidney College.

'83. ROBERT BRANCH PALMER, having finished a course in theology in America, is now studying in Heidelberg, Germany.

'84. W. H. BOGCK, after a special course in Latin and Greek in the University of Virginia, is now teaching in McGuire's School, Richmond, Va.

'84. B. H. ROBERTSON is now teaching the school conducted by brother A. A. CAMPBELL in Wytheville, Va.

'86. H. C. V. CAMPBELL is taking theological studies in the Union Seminary.

'87. C. C. LEWIS was prevented from returning to college this fall by a severe attack of sickness. He expects to return next year.

'87. A. C. HOPKINS, also, failed to return from Hampden Sidney, but will resume his studies next year.

Washington and Jefferson.

'50. We clip from a newspaper the following paragraphs regarding HON. M. S. QUAY, we wish we could reproduce the portrait that accompanied the article:

"If it had been Colonel Quay now, who stood in old Cornplanter's moccasins, how smoothly would he have tided over the difficulty. How near he would have managed to have the lead mugwumps of the tribe sent on a scalp hunt, while the primaries while they were away, Cooper issue a flaming address setting forth that to revoke the McIntosh treaty meant to the Confederacy in the saddle and destroy the tariff, and had the delegates in his pocket before the kickers got back."

"Colonel Quay lives in the house formerly occupied by Marshal Rutan. Although not a native of Beaver, he came here a small boy more years ago than one would suppose to look at his young face, when his father settled here as a pastor of the Presbyterian church. He spends most of his time here in his library, which is one of the largest and best selected private libraries in the state. There are no uncut leaves in it either, and Colonel Quay in his library is quite another man than Colonel Quay in the strenuous grapple of a close state convention, when the delegates to a national convention are at stake, majorities can be reckoned on the fingers of one hand, and the drift of sentiment is against him. He will sit in his library by the hour and talk science, literature, history, or finance with you, and if you didn't know who he was you wouldn't suppose he could tell you when Senator Mitchell's term of office expires, even."

'59. GEORGE WASHINGTON FLEMING BIRCH, the valedictorian of his class at Washington College, was born in Claysville, Pa., March 26th 1837, the son of John and Harriet (Reed) Birch. He was foremost in debate at college, and in his class-room work was at the head. His valedictory address, in which he propounded the questions, "*Quid facies? Quid eris?*" was a splendid production. After graduation he entered the Western Theological Seminary and continued his studies there until January 1861, when he received a call to the chair of mathematics in Washington College, and also one to the Union Presbyterian church at Springfield, Ill. He accepted the latter call and was duly installed January, 17th, 1862. He remained at Springfield until 1869; and after six months of labor in the Carr Place Church, St. Louis, he went to the Second Church of Lexington, Ky. In 1873 he removed to the Third Church of Indianapolis, in 1876 resigned, and in 1878 accepted

Birch, who died in infancy. Brother Birch may be found at 126th street and Willis Ave.

'59. DAVID WILSON CLARK had a short life of activity, dying March 8th, 1860, in less than a year after graduation. He was the seventh son of John and Mary (Smith) Clark. He maintained a good standing in his class and represented the Washington Society as orator on contest. His commencement oration was upon "Society and Solitude." He had hopes to enter the gospel ministry.

'59. JAMES DINSMORE KERR, son of James M. and Rebecca (Dinsmore) Kerr, was born in Washington county, Pa., November 28th, 1839. In college he roomed with Clark. After graduation he taught one year at Gallatin, Tenn., (with D. C. Marquis, Beta Theta Pi); the next year at Natchez, Miss.; and when Fort Sumter was attacked, came north and entered the Western Theological Seminary, graduating in 1864. He spent six years at Farmington, Ills., and while there was married to Miss Sarah A. Lyman. In 1871 he removed to Nebraska City, where he remained seven years. He was superintendent of home missions for a time, and then accepted a call to Denver, Col., where he remained three years;

thence removing to Erie, Pa., and in 1883, to Kearney, Neb., where he now resides. He has had six children, four yet living.

'59. DAVID HARVEY SLOAN, the valedictorian of 1859 at Washington College, was born at Slate Lick, Pa., January 26, 1836, the son of George B. and Mary (Morrison) Sloan. In college he was essayist on contest, and an assistant tutor during the senior year. His oration at commencement was upon "The Relation of Educated Men to Public Opinion," with the valedictory. He then was engaged as Professor of Latin *pro tem.*, but soon resigned on account of ill health, and later was forced to give up a course in the theological seminary for the same reason. After a year or two of outdoor work he became principal of Dunlap's Creek Academy (1862-5). From 1866 to 1873 he was principal of Slate Lick Classical Institute. Having privately studied theology he was licensed to preach, and in April, 1873, he was installed pastor of Leesburg and Clinton churches, where he still remains. He was married October 12th, 1865, to Miss Cynthia A. Jones, of Valley Grove, W. Va., and has seven children.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONVENTION.

The Cincinnati Alumni cordially invite all members of the fraternity to attend the forty-seventh annual convention, which will be held at Cincinnati, O., on August 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1886. The convention will occupy three days, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. The headquarters will be at the new Burnet House, Vine and Third streets, where satisfactory rates have been secured for all Betas at \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$3.00 per diem. The business meetings will be held in the Burnet House. The first meeting will be Wednesday, at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday evening the Cincinnati Betas will extend a public reception to visiting Betas. On Thursday evening will occur the banquet. Friday evening is given to the public literary exercises. Hon. Geo. Hoadly will be the orator of the occasion, and Chambers Baird, Jr., the poet.

Reduced railroad rates can not be secured so far in advance, but the best

endeavors of the committee will be made to secure such rates over all lines entering the city. Parties consisting of several visitors coming from one point may be able to arrange for better rates than the committee can secure.

This is expected to be the largest convention in the history of the fraternity. As provided for in the transportation scheme, each of the forty-seven chapters of the fraternity will have a representative present, and, in addition, members from all parts of the country are signifying their intention to be present. Many questions of interest and importance to the fraternity will be discussed. No efforts will be spared by the resident members to secure to all Betas a pleasant and profitable visit.

For further information or particulars, address F. M. Joyce or C. M. Hepburn, P. O. box 664, Cincinnati, Ohio.

FLY-LEAVES.

I.

A thousand stars bedeck the azure sky,
One moon, as queen, reigns full supreme on high,
Night is the season, from creation's birth,
When mellow beams, and gold, o'erspread the earth.

A thousand thoughts withal his mind possessed,
One love, divine, reigns queen of all the rest.
Life is the season by God willed to be
A union of their love for all eternity.

W. T. W.

II.—A WEDDING ROUNDEL.

Sunny and sweet as Italian skies
To you be the future that now you greet;
As bright as the hours in midsummer guise,
Sunny and sweet.

May the song of your life be clear, complete,
And attuned to thoughts that are grandly wise,
With principle, purpose, and honor replete,
With truth, and all that the name implies;
May your days be long, and yet seemingly fleet
From the depths of a love that shall ever arise,
Sunny and sweet.

W. M. B.

III.—ON A SILVER CUP, SENT A LITTLE NAME-SAKE.

Life's in thy grasp, an empty cup;
Go forth, O young world-rover!
The Hebe years shall fill it up,
A joy-cup, running over.

O.

IV.—AT WORK.

The editor sits in his whirligig chair,
With his feet on the desk and his hands in his hair,
And his eyes are fixed in a pale-green glare
On a spot overhead, in the ceiling.

Now, there isn't a sign of a thing to be seen,
In the place where he looks, or the air between;
Still, the editor isn't a fool, I ween,
As he steadily stares at the ceiling.

For it may be a minute, or it may be ten,
But the editor soon will smile again,
And turn with glee to his writing—when
He's dug out a joke from the ceiling.

O.

V.—SIX SONNETS.

1.—Good-Bye.

'Twas midnight, and the moon from overhead,
Upon their mingling locks fell full adown,
No lengthening shadows casting; thus their crown

Of love and beat of happy life were dead
And lost to all the outer world; they fed
On their own looks and lips; the fret and frown

Of else beside touched not the blue and brown
Of those fond eyes; they stood alone, and read
The pledges of each other's gentle soul,
Without a word to break the silence sweet.
No shadow 'neath their feet, none in their heart,

All light above;—yet, o'er their eyes there stole
A mist of tender sadness: one heart-beat,
One last, long press of lips: alas! to part!

2.—Years.

An absence long; a long time separate.
I do not know if it will prove you well
To linger thus apart; I cannot tell
If you should tempt and try the mood of Fate;
She may grow adverse, if you trifle late.
But this I know: With some months gone, the knell

Of Discord rang atween their hearts, and fell
A-jangling on their judgment; each one sate
Apart, and thought the other cold, with blame
The most; both loved, but both were very proud;

Both wished for reconciliation, yet
Which one should bear the wrong, and noble name
Themselves the wrongest—ah! there was a cloud
Hung there to veil the right and rain regret.

3.—The Picture.

Midnight again. What holds the student so
To-night? Is it a text abstruse and dark?
Aye, aye! it is a lesson hard! Oh, mark
How deep he studies it; and he will know,
Down in his soul, that lesson ere he go
To rest.—Ah, ha! a picture! Oh, the spark
Of life looks almost from those eyes! The bark

Of his life should be steered by them, I trow.
Look at it long, nor let one feature 'scape;
Put it into thy brain; imprint it there;
Devour it with thine eyes—its every shape
And line, and light, and look; the very hair
Twine thou about thy fooling heart; from sight
Now seal the thing away. Poor fool! good night.

4.—Homeward.

Years passed away, but no reunion brought.
Years passed?—Yea, weary years, and very long.
And they?—They still bore in their lives the wrong,
When but a word could peace 'twixt them have wro't
So easily; but the word, though often thought,
Was never spoken. She *could* not loose the thong,
He *would* not do it. So the gentle song

Was bound up in their hearts—poor hearts so
fraught
To almost bursting—and did not pass their lips.
At last, from wand'rings far, he homeward
turned,
Heart sore unto the very core. He yearned
To burst the darkness of this pain's eclipse.
Almost at home! His heart heaved warm its
tide.
And she?—Three months had been another's
bride.

5.—*The Wanderer.*

Westward he fled, nor said to aught good-bye;
O'er the great stream that cuts the continent
In twain; o'er plains and heights, with no in-
tent;
Speed in his limbs, delirium in his eye;
No stop, no rest—ah! rest would make rest fly;
Through day, through night, till, body-sore
and spent,
He dropped upon the kindly moss that lent
Him its best bed—his blanket but the sky.
Years thus; always away—away from all
That could give thought of her; no stay, no
rest,
Save when th' unconscious frame exhausted
sank
In dreamless sleep to mend itself, and call
Forth strength to further fly. At last—'twas
best—
The poor grayed head lay by the River's
bank.

6.—*At Last.*

"Ah, will she come, you think? If she but
knew—
If she but knew. Think you she'll come? So
long!
Yes, yes, I'd know her—will she come?" The
throng
Stood 'way. 'Twas she, in black. The crystal
dew
Hung from her long dark lashes. His poor
blue
Eyes looked up in a mute appeal. The
wrong
Was banished, and upon his breast, once
strong,
Now wasted 'way, her own sad heart she threw.
"At last! O, Love, put thy sweet lips upon
Mine own once more. I cannot drink new
breath
From them, but they will sweeten th' end.
Ah! fair
Like lilies yet thy brow. Some wrinkles won
From all these years.—Once more.—Art
jealous, Death?
At last!"—Alas she was twice widow there.

L. R. Hamberlin.

VI.—TO THE INITIATE ON RECEIVING THE
BADGE.

"With it, my son,
Or upon it."

The Spartan dame, when the battle field
Called forth her son to do or die,
Placed in his hands a shining shield

And urged him thus to victory:—
"With this, a hero, son, return
Or upon it, dead, be carried back.
May patriotism in thee burn,
Of courage may'st thou have no lack!"
And when the conflict fierce was waged,
And arrows thick about him fell,
When heroes fought like fiends enraged
With spirit breathed from jaws of hell
The Spartan thought not of his life,
Before his eyes there seemed to burn
Upon his shield his mother's words,
"With this, a hero, son, return,
Or upon it, dead, be carried back."

You, too, receive, to-night, a shield
Not used in battle's bloody strife.
'Gainst heroes bold no arms you'll wield,
Yet you must fight great foes in life.
Think not this badge mere outward show,
But may it e'er your zeal inspire,
To do your best in all you do,
And cheer you on for something higher!
May the sparkling badge of Theta Pi
Urge ever on to noble deeds!
And when at last you're called on high,
When hence your weary steps have gone,
May you hear, my friend, the welcome words,
"Enter your rest, servant, well done!"

F. W. S.

VII.—THE PINK AND BLUE.

Blue is the sky that bends above
When the day is bright and clear,
And pink are the clouds that blush at the sun
When evening draweth near.

Blue are the eyes of our dear girls—
Those eyes we're sad to miss;
Pink are the cheeks that we love best—
Those cheeks we love to kiss.

Blue is the smoke that curleth up
And puts away care so far;
Pink is the coal that glows on the end
Of the incense-breathing cigar.

Blue are the days that burden my soul
With trouble, and care, and pain;
The pink of perfection that day will appear
When such things never happen again.

Blue are the veins that faintly show
On Beauty's transparent brow;
Pink are the dainty shell-like ears
When they listen to love's first vow.

Blue were the violets on the slope,
Sweetest of all the flowers;
Pink were the fingers that plucked them thence
To comfort my weary hours.

Now having shown to you quite clear, I think,
That Nature loves the blue and loves the pink,
If you will drive alluring sleep away
And deign to listen to my halting lay,
I'll tell you briefly, while I tell you true,
Why Betas love the colors—pink and blue.

Many, many years ago,
In a cottage small and low
Lived a maiden by a wood.

There all day the old trees stood
 And sported with the wanton breeze
 Which kissed in turn the knarled trees.
 The sunbeam 'twixt their branches fell
 In soft caresses on each bell
 Of violets and anemones.
 That grew beneath the forest trees.
 The song-bird built upon the boughs
 And caroled to his mate his vows.
 The very brook that seaward sped
 Coquetted with its pebbly bed.
 Thus with Nature's hymn all 'round
 It is not strange that this maid found
 That, like the ship, her heart was planned,
 Incomplete unless 'twas *manned*.
 Just across the forest wide
 Stood a castle, in its pride
 Of oaken beam and iron gate
 And rugged stone of ponderous weight.
 The castle's master was a knight
 Young in years, fair to the sight.
 He, wandering thro' the wood one day,
 Wearied with the rich display
 Of power and pomp within his halls,
 Chanced to spy the cottage walls.
 Impelled by Fate, as he drew nigh,
 Such radiant beauty met his eye
 That he, who was in battles brave,
 Was from that hour a woman's slave.
 The maiden, artless of all art,
 By innocence had won his heart.
 So, when at length the day was past
 An shadows were to eastward cast,
 And when the peaceful breathing eve
 Bidd him all his state cares leave,
 He'd go and 'neath the forest shade
 Meet oft the simple little maid.
 The greatest joy he ever knew
 Was when her hand he gently drew
 Through his arm, with tender care,
 And felt it nestling trusting there.
 But, though he loved her as his life,
 He dared not make the maid his wife.
 He knew his family's cruel pride—
 How they would scorn his peasant bride.
 And he, who'd dare Death's cup to quaff,
 Shrank before the scornful laugh.
 One evening thus they slowly walked
 Beneath the trees, and neither talked;
 The dusky silence seem to make
 A holiness 'twere sin to break,
 And then fond hearts do need no speech
 With which the other heart to reach;
 The glance, the pressure of the hand
 The thoughts of many words command.
 But see! She halts in quick alarm,
 "I saw a shadow 'neath the trees."
 Quoth he, "It was the evening breeze
 That stirred the branch, or 'twas a bird."

But, ere has left his lips the word,
 Without a cry she springs in front
 Just in time to bear the brunt
 Of the blow aimed at him.
 From out the shadows deep and dim
 An arrow comes, with fiendish zest
 To strike itself deep in her breast.
 Whether the assassin's hand
 The cowardly attack had planned—
 Or jealousy had taken aim,
 Straight to its mark the arrow came.
 There in the shadows, gathering dim,
 Lay she who only thought of him.
 He cast himself down by her side,
 His awful cry rang far and wide,
 He plucked the arrow from her breast,
 His silken scarf he gen'ly pressed
 O'er the wound; and as he kneeled
 His tears her bleeding form concealed.
 The scarf was pink, her dress was blue,
 Fit covering for a heart so true.

I would that I might truly tell
 How pining always he did dwell,
 But truth compels me to relate
 He found in time a fitter mate.
 But evermore in tilt or field
 He bore upon his glistening shield
 A ribbon pink on field of blue
 In memory of that heart so true.
 His lineal children still display
 This very emblem to this day.
 These colors now salute the eye
 In halls of Beta Theta Pi.

C. Finley Hersman,
 Alpha Delta.

VIII.—ATLANTIS.

As one who hears beside a quiet shore,
 When seas are stilled and winds and waves are
 spent,
 Faint murmurs of that vanquished continent
 Whose storied plains reach out an ocean's floor,
 O'er which the dusk, pulsating waters pour
 With sound of bells, by the swaying flood in-
 pent,
 Tolling, now lone and low, now full and blent,
 Then lost again amid the surfy roar:—
 So through the silent spaces of the dark,
 When lulls the world-hum on the muffled
 blast,
 There strays a tender chord of some far strain
 From time when love was sweet and hope not
 vain;
 And pulses throb and with dear longing mark
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Chambers Baird, Jr.

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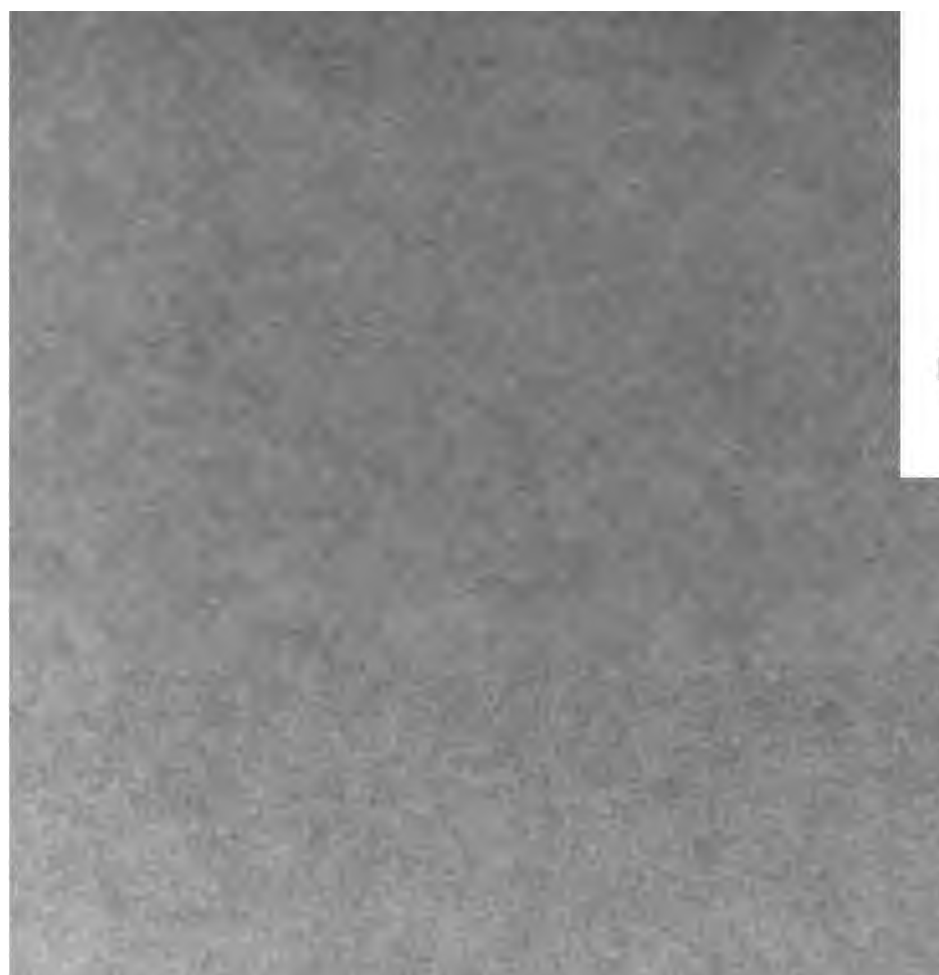


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